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# Stability analysis of high-speed boundary-layer flow with gas injection

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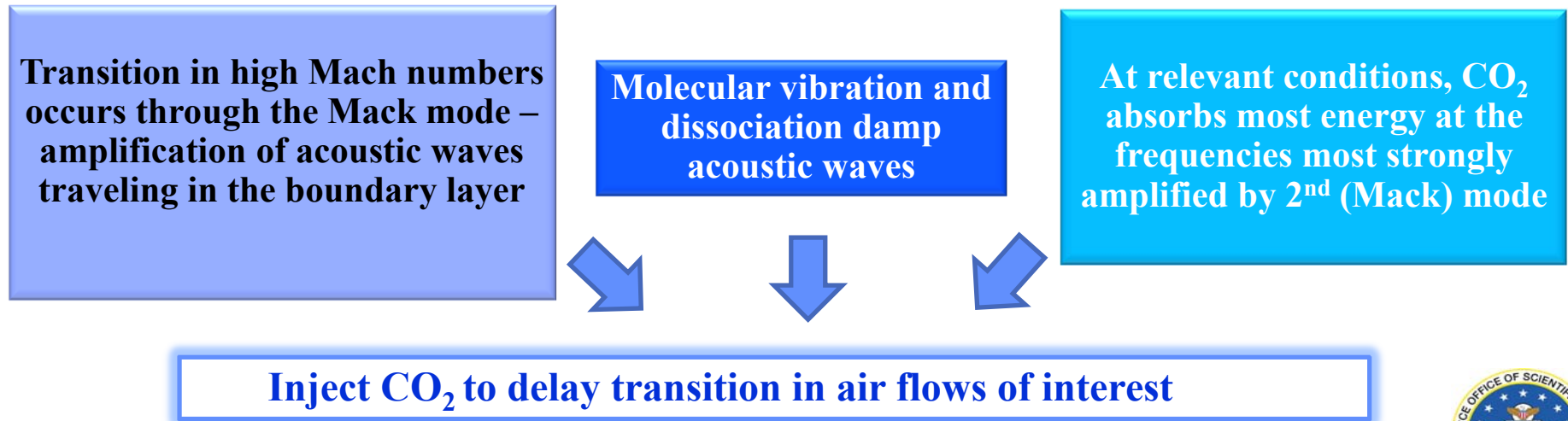
## Background: Delay Transition Using Non-Equilibrium CO<sub>2</sub> to Suppress the Second Mode

**PROBLEM:** In hypersonic flight, heating loads are typically a dominant design factor

*Turbulent heat transfer rates can be about an order of magnitude higher than laminar rates at hypersonic Mach numbers*

A reduction in heating loads by keeping the boundary layer laminar longer means less thermal protection needed and hence less weight to carry, or conversely more payload deliverable for a given thrust.

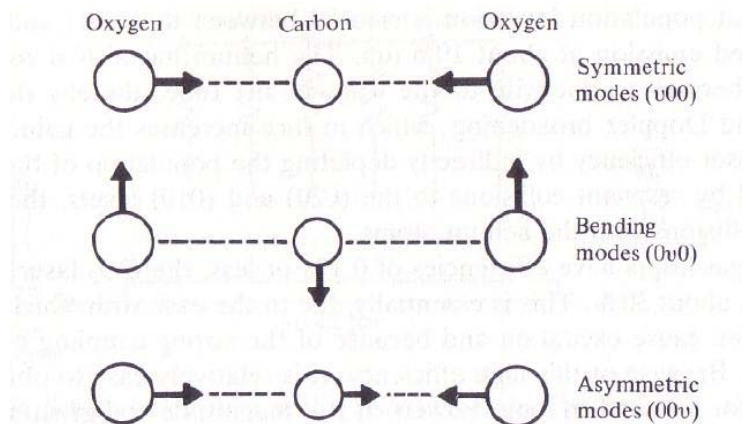
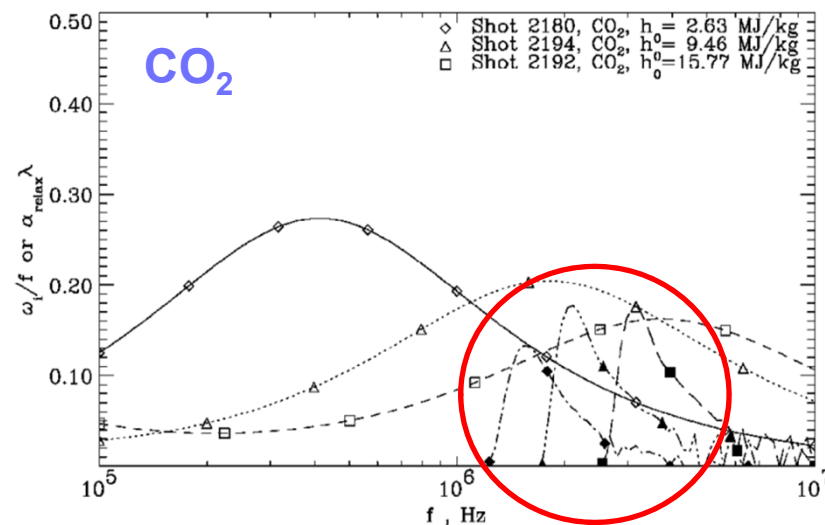
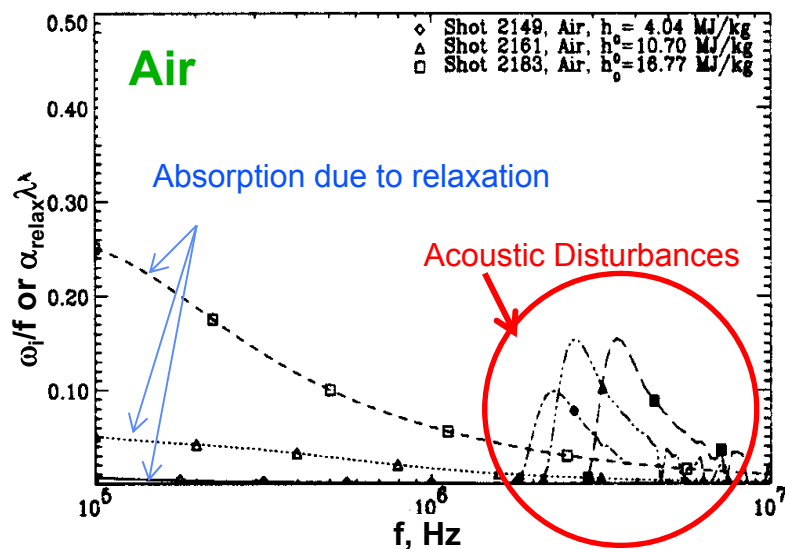
**OBJECTIVE:** Delay transition from laminar to turbulent flow in the boundary layer of a slender hypersonic body by using nonequilibrium CO<sub>2</sub>



# Background

- For CO<sub>2</sub> the broad sound absorption curve peak coincides with the amplification peaks
- This coincidence is most pronounced at enthalpies of ~10 MJ/kg

Amplification rate/cycle or absorption rate/wavelength



$\Theta = 3380$   
K

$\Theta = 960$  K

$\Theta = 1993$  K

Typical T5  
 $T^* \approx 1700$  K (CO<sub>2</sub>)

$\tau_{vib} \approx 1 \mu s$   
(Camac 1966)

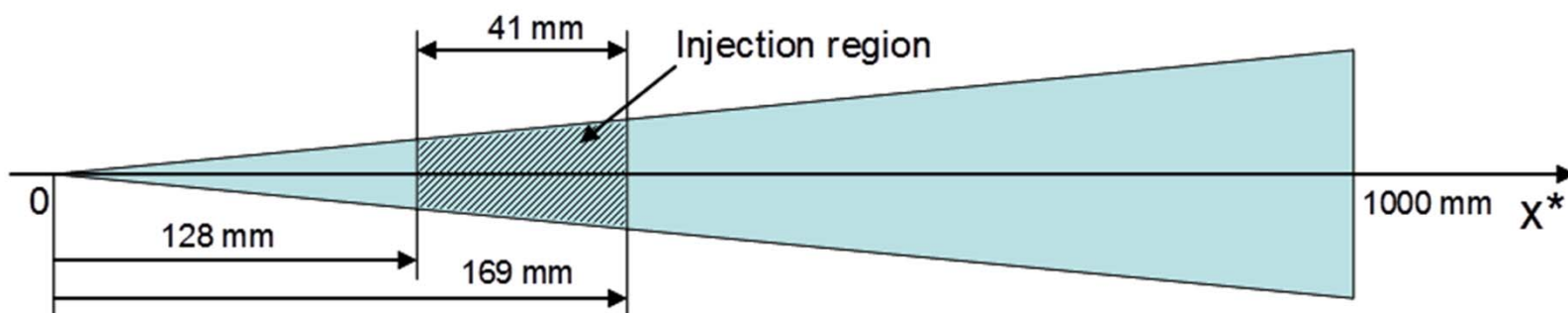
Plots from: Fujii, K., Hornung, H.G., "Experimental Investigation of High-Enthalpy Effects on Attachment-Line Boundary Layer Transition," AIAA Journal, Vol. 41, No. 7, July 2003



# Baseline configuration

Free-stream parameters correspond to Run 2540\* in GALCIT T5 shock tunnel

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{\infty} &= 5.3 & \rho_{\infty}^* &= 0.05788 \text{ kg/m}^3 & \mu_{\infty}^* &= 4.897 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s} \\
 T_{\infty}^* &= 1323.77 \text{ K} & U_{\infty}^* &= 3866 \text{ m/s} & L^* &= 1 \text{ m} \\
 p_{\infty}^* &= 21993 \text{ Pa} & T_w^* &= 293 \text{ K}, T_w^* / T_{\infty}^* = 0.22
 \end{aligned}$$



5-deg half-angle sharp cone with the injector

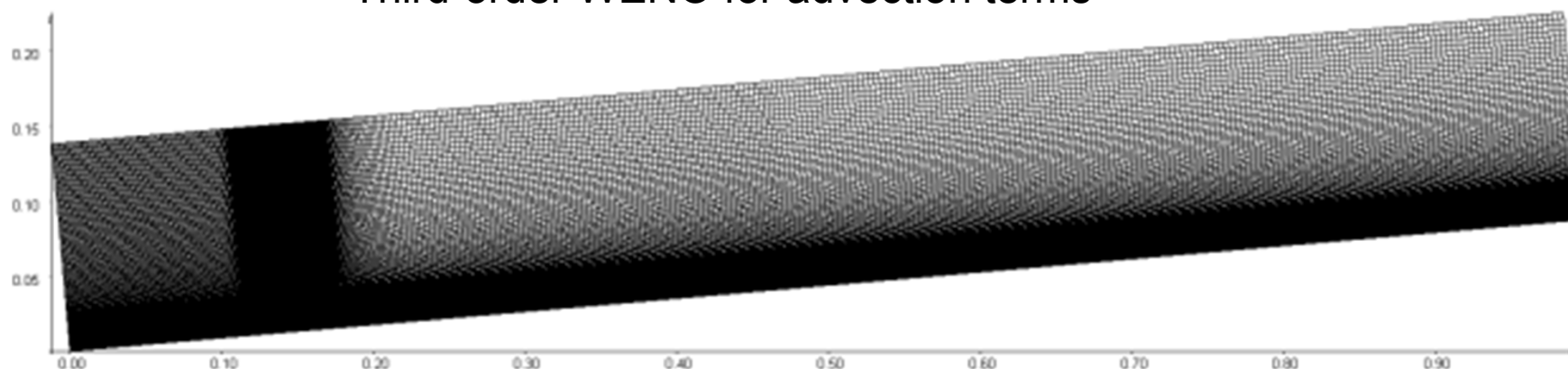
Gas is injected with the total mass flow rate ranging from 3 g/s to 13.5 g/s

\*Parameters are determined using  $M_{\infty}$ ,  $T_{\infty}$ , and  $\rho_{\infty}$  reported by Wagnild, R.M. et al. (AIAA-2010-1244) and perfect-gas model with  $Pr=0.72$  and  $\gamma=1.4$

# Numerical approach for mean flow

## In-house Navier-Stokes code HSFlow\*

- Perfect gas of  $Pr=0.72$ ,  $\gamma=1.4$
- Sutherland viscosity-temperature dependence
- Implicit second-order finite-volume method
- Shock-capturing scheme
- Third-order WENO for advection terms



597×649 grid with

- 50% clustering in the boundary layer
- Clustering near the injector

\*Egorov, I.V. et al., Theor. Comput. Fluid Dyn., Vol. 20, No. 1, 2006, pp. 41-54.

# Stability analysis

## Local-parallel stability computations

- Third-order Runge-Kutta scheme for integration of stability equation
- Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization procedure
- Eigenvalues are calculated using a shooting/Newton-Raphson procedure

$$\text{Disturbance} \sim \mathbf{q}(y) \exp(i\alpha x + i\beta z - i\omega t)$$

For temporal problem  $\omega(\alpha, \beta, x)$  is complex, growth rate  $= \omega_i$

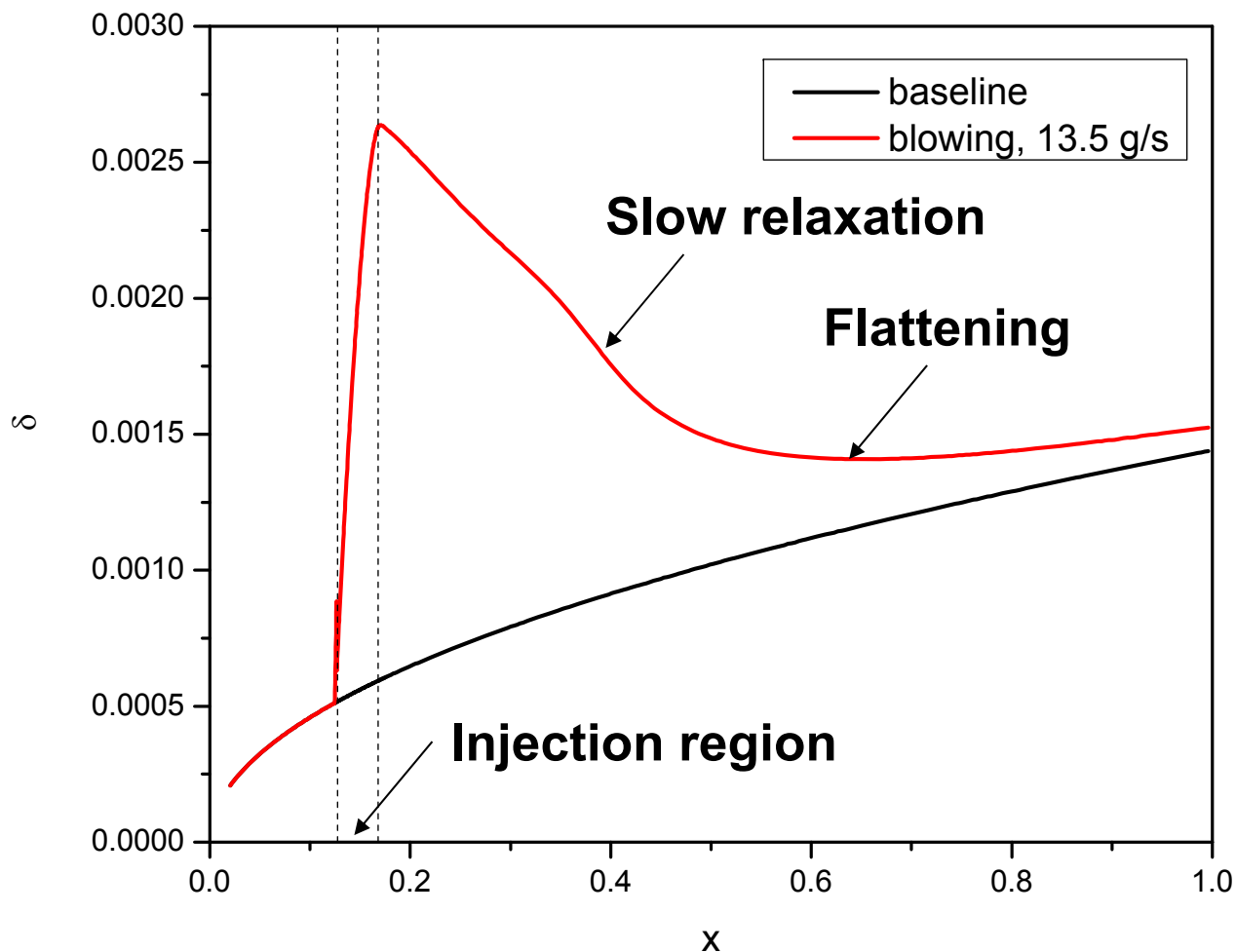
For spatial problem  $\alpha(\omega, \beta, x)$  is complex, growth rate  $= \sigma = -\alpha_i$

$$\text{N-factors } N(x, \omega, \beta) = \int_{x_0(\omega, \beta)}^x \sigma(\omega, \beta, x) dx$$

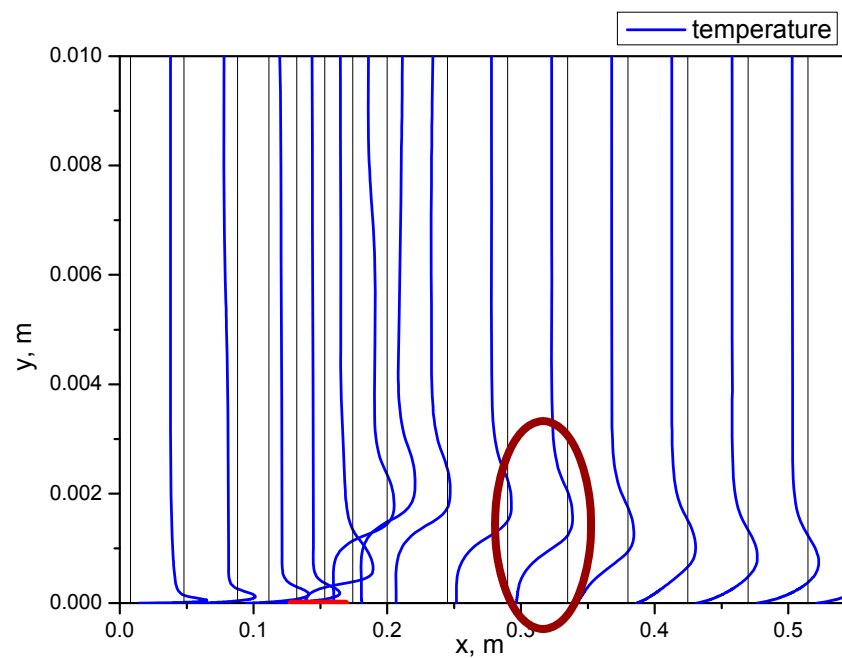
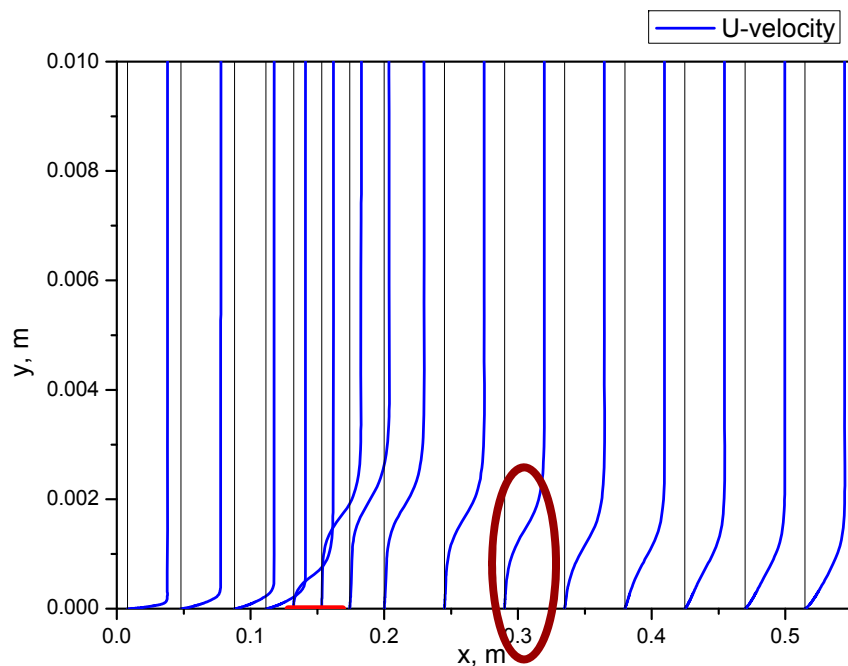
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# Boundary layer thickness

## baseline configuration with injection rate=13.5 g/s



# Mean-flow profiles

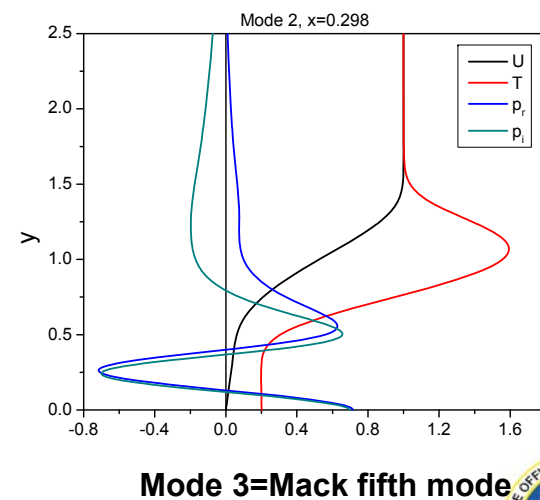
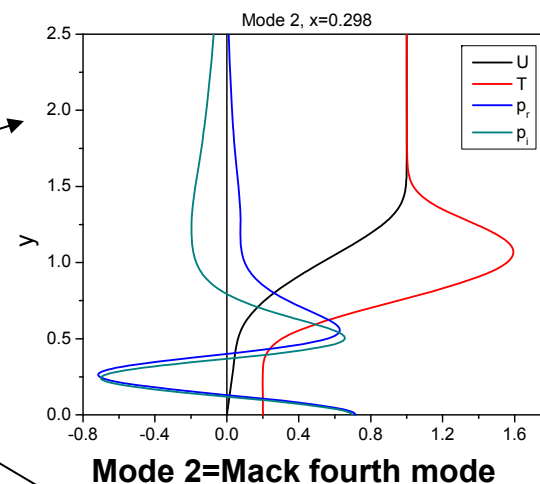
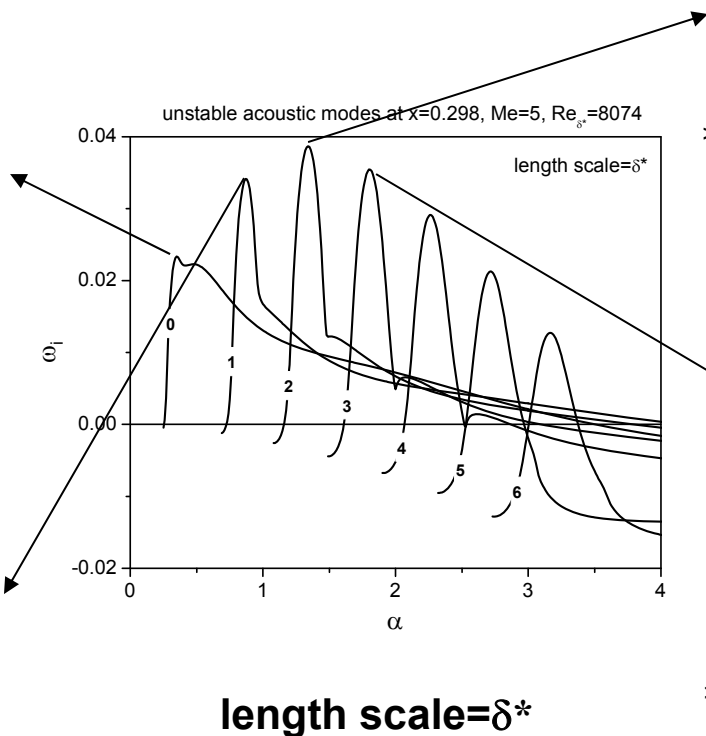
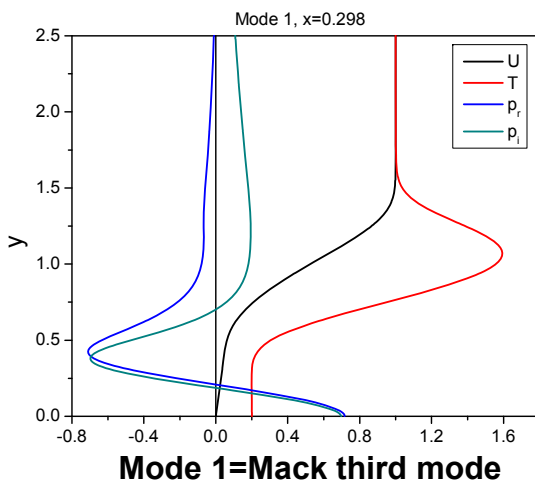
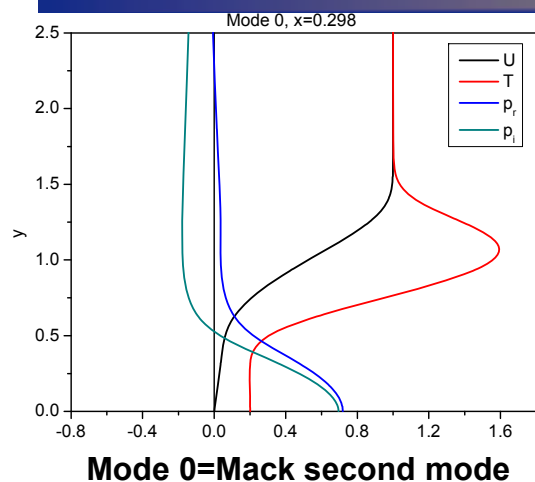


**Baseline configuration with injection rate=13.5 g/s**

- Thick region of cold dead flow near wall
- Slow relaxation downstream

# We are dealing with acoustic instability

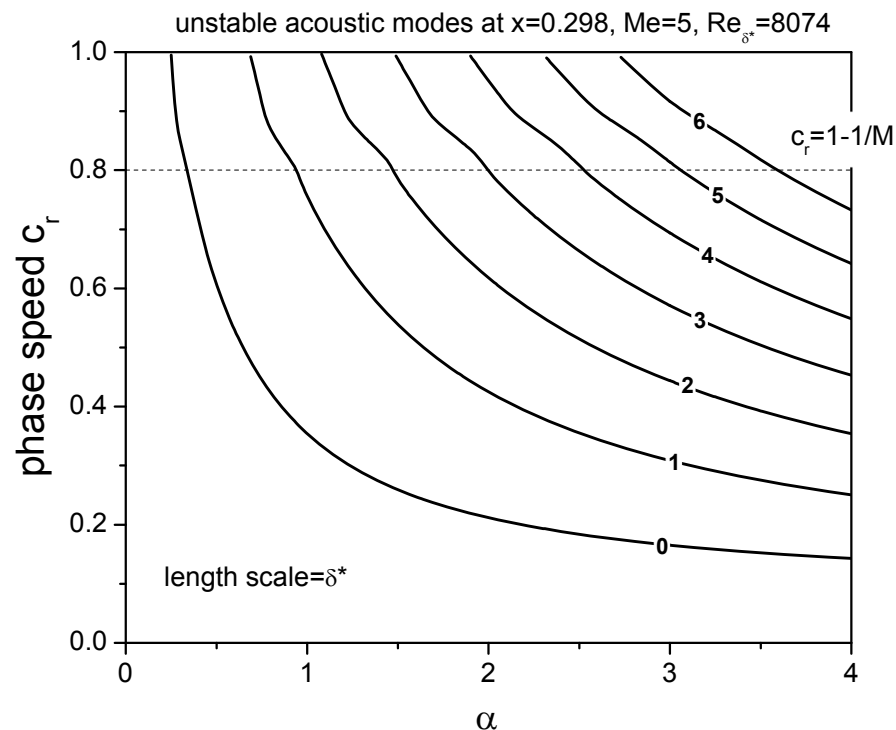
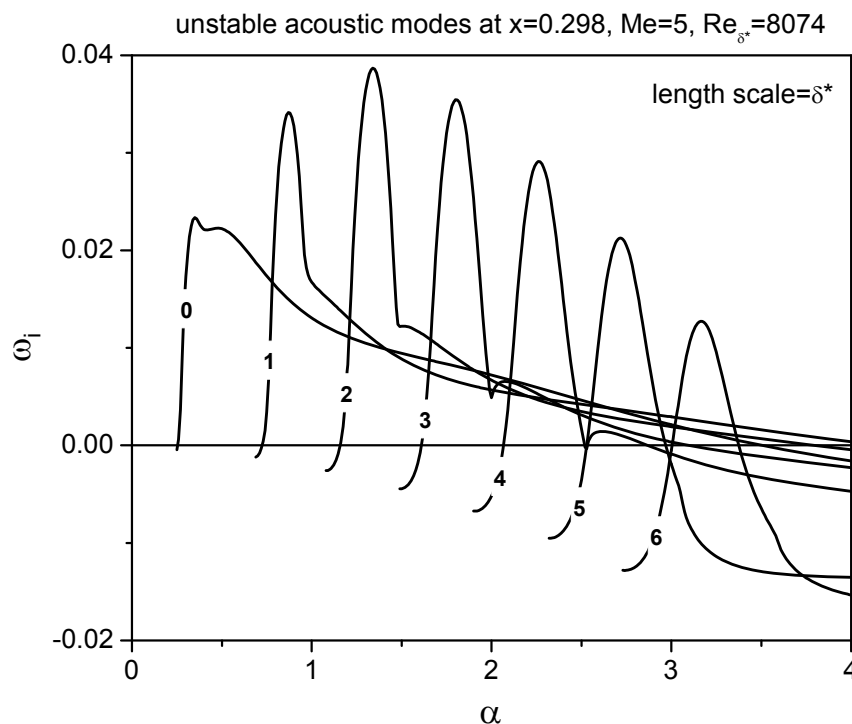
## Temporal stability analysis at $x=0.3$



# Temporal instability in the relaxation region for baseline configuration

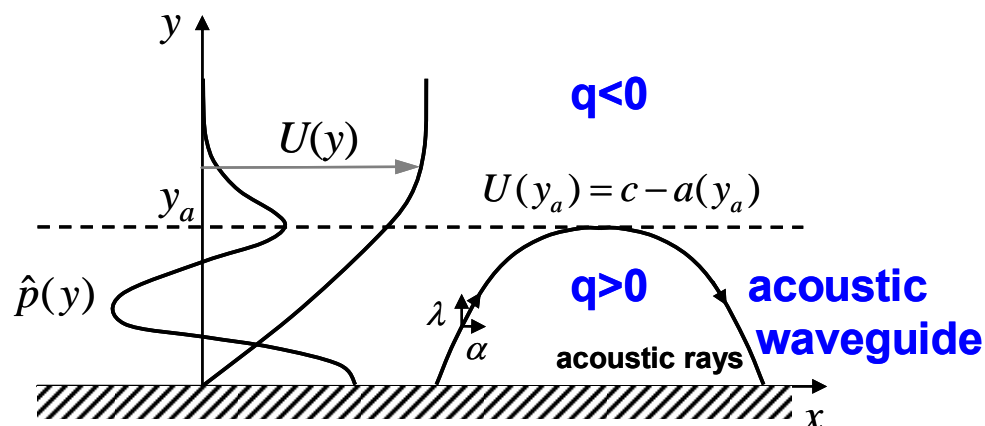
(injection rate 13.5 g/s)

$x=0.3$



- There are seven unstable modes!
- Mode 2 (Mack fourth mode) has maximal local increment

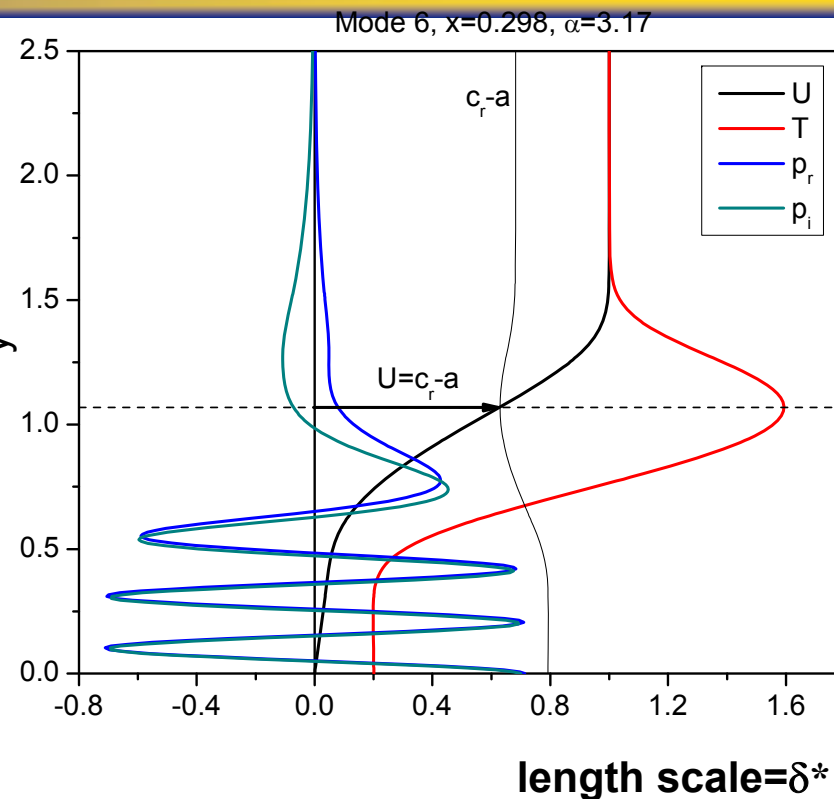
## We are dealing with acoustic instability (cont'd)



Dispersion relation from WKB analysis<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>:

$$\int_0^{y_a} \sqrt{\frac{(\alpha U - \omega)^2 M^2}{T} - 1} dy = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi m$$

$m = 0, 1, \dots$

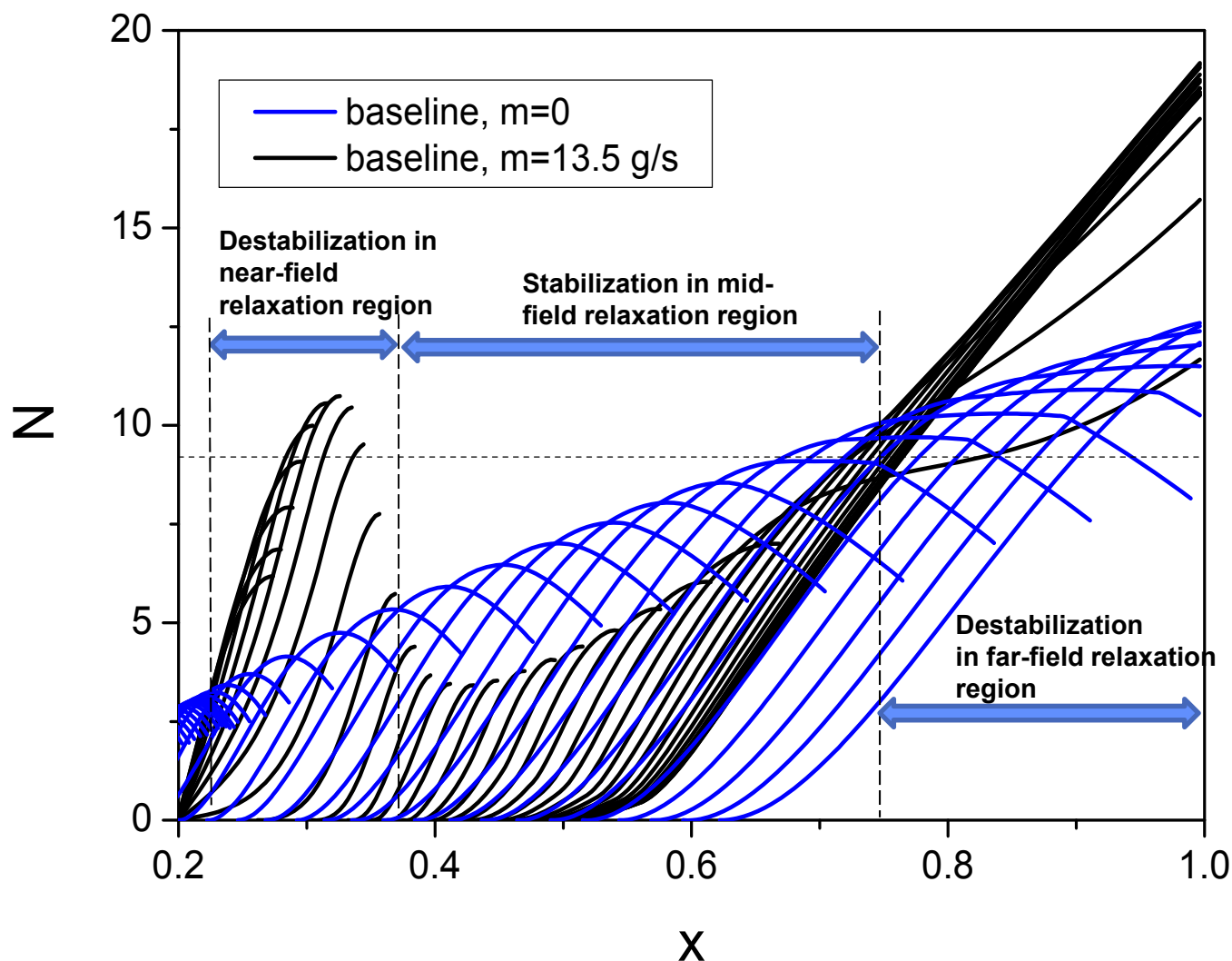


Acoustic modes are formed in the waveguide between the wall ( $y=0$ ) and the relative sonic line  $y=y_a$ :  $U(y_a)=c_r-a(y_a)$

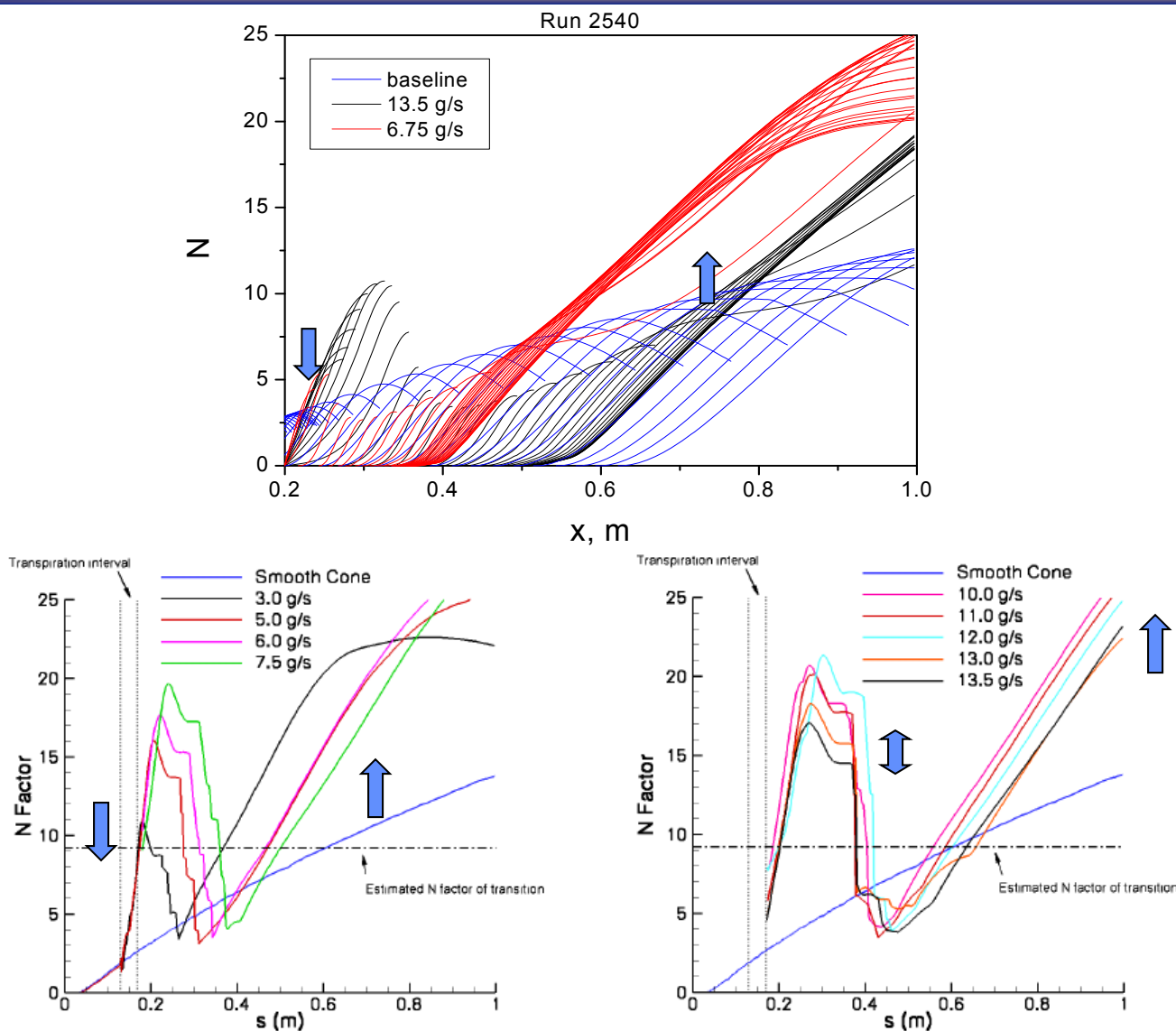
\*Guschin, V.R., & Fedorov, A.V., Fluid Dynamics, Vol. 24, No.1, 1989

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# Injection affects N-factors of Mack second mode

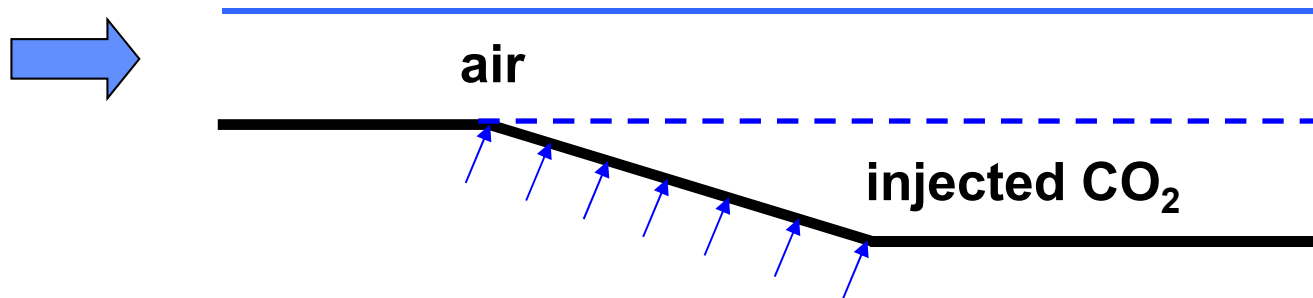


# Perfect gas model captures basic trends

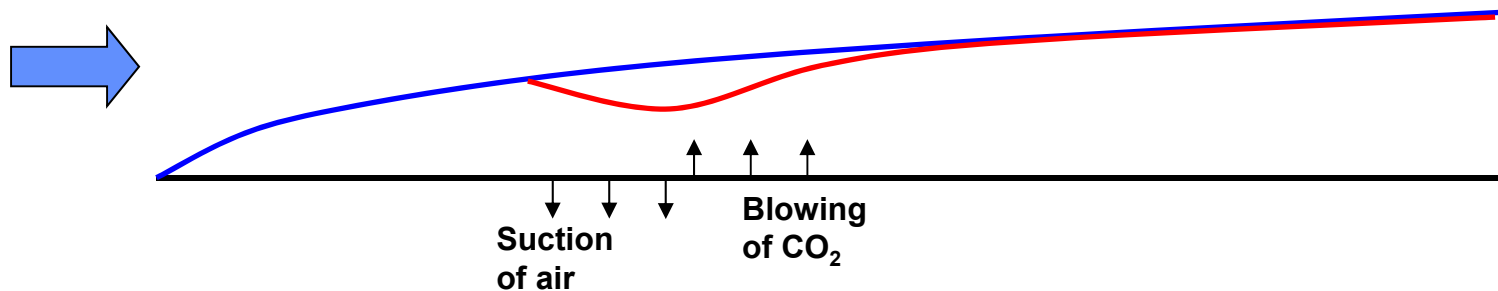


# How to improve the injector performance?

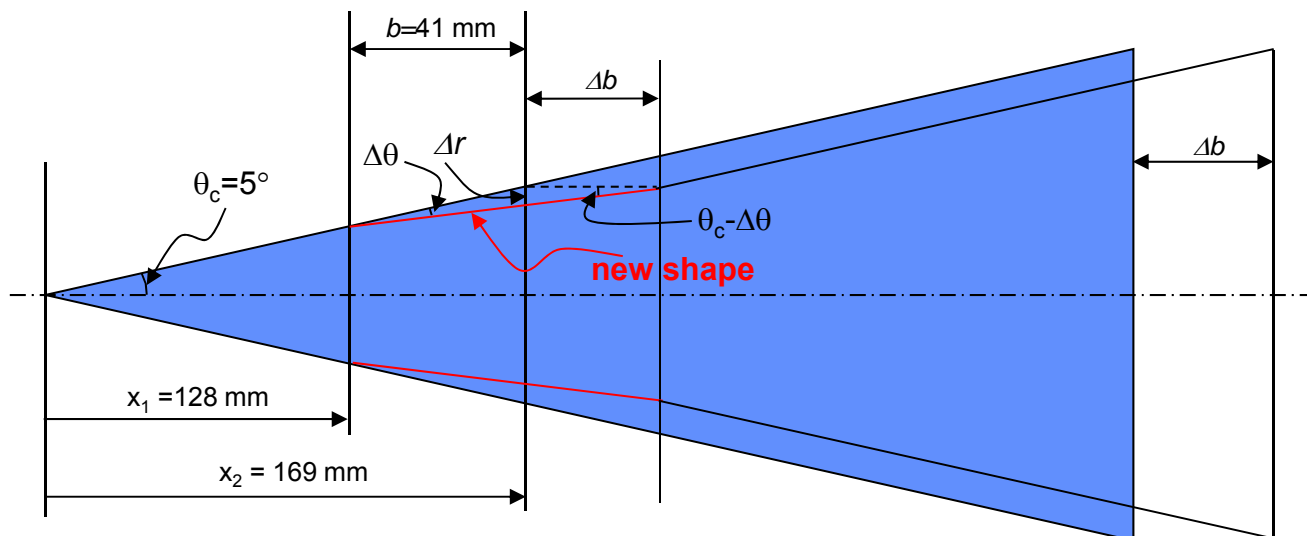
- Negative slope may compensate the blowing effect on the displacement thickness



- Injection of zero total mass addition may help to reduce the relaxation region



# Injector of conical shape

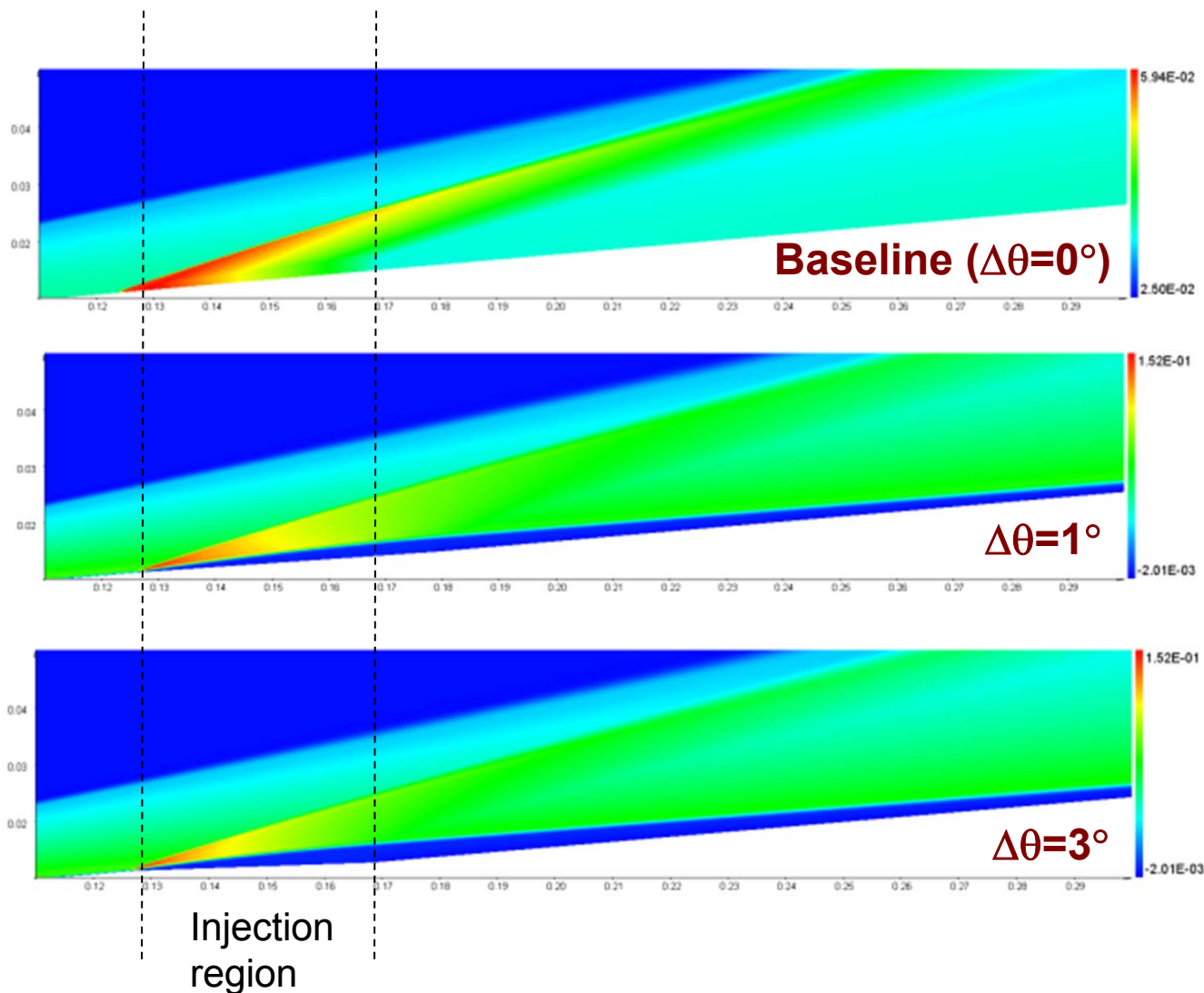


5-deg half-angle sharp cone with the injector having the slope  $\theta = \theta_c - \Delta\theta$

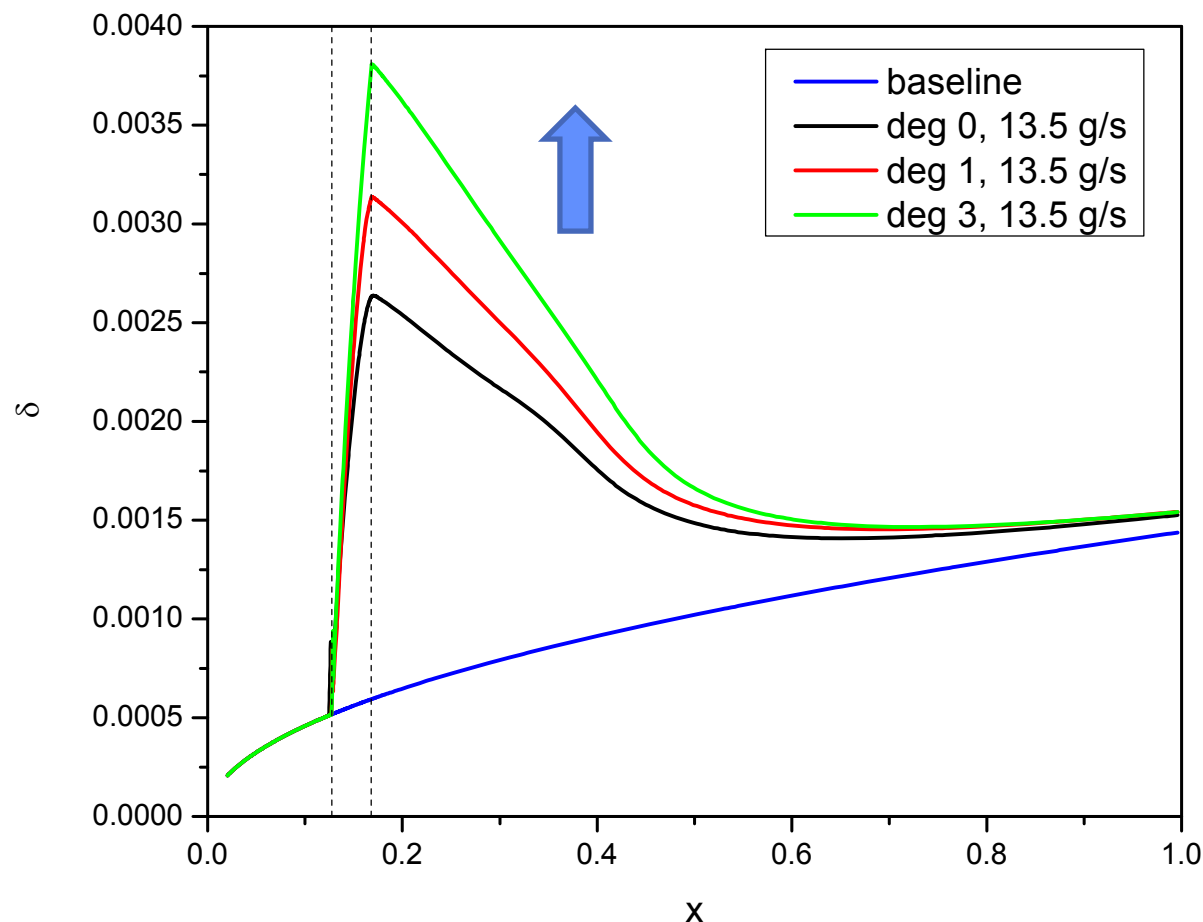
$$\Delta r \approx b[\tan \theta_c - \tan(\theta_c - \Delta\theta)] \approx b\Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta b = \frac{\Delta r}{\tan(\theta_c - \Delta\theta)} \approx \frac{\Delta r}{\tan \theta_c}$$

# Mean-flow pressure for conical injectors (injection rate 13.5 g/s)

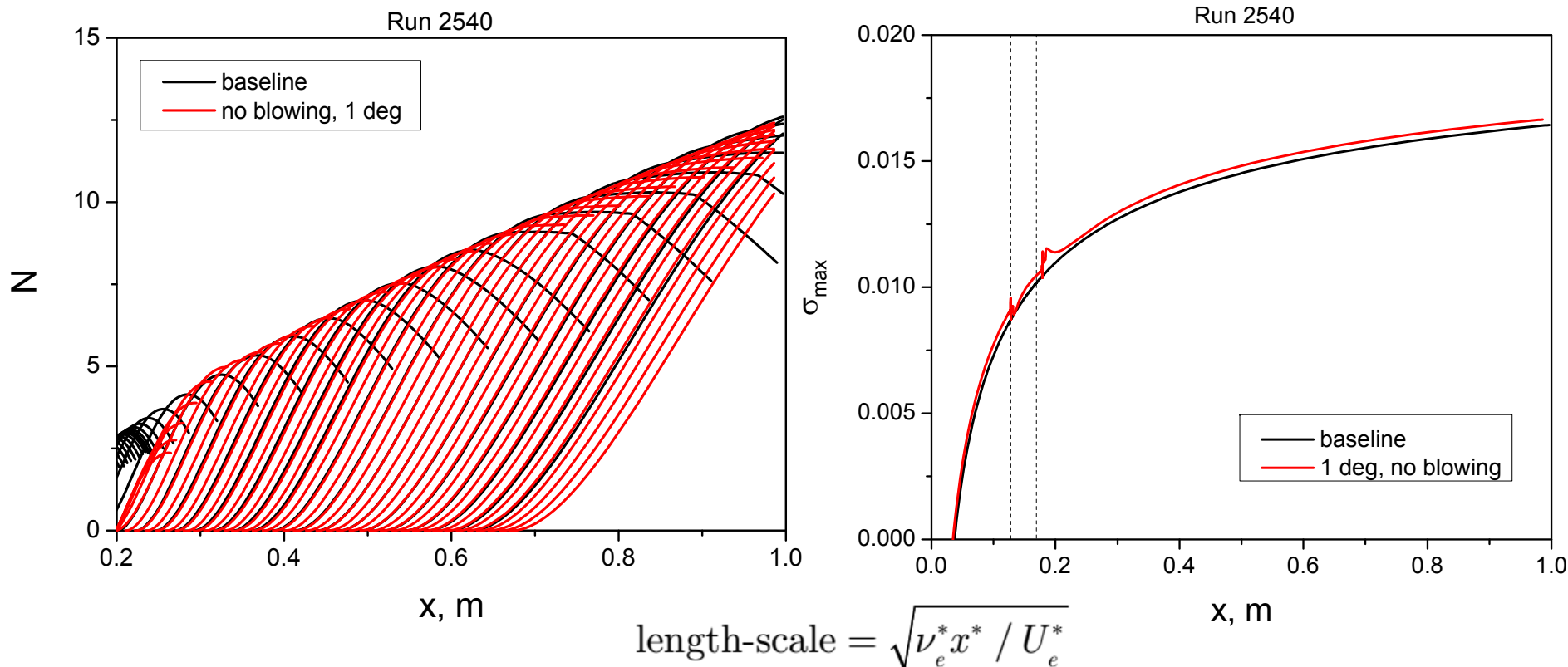


# Mean-flow boundary layer thickness for conical injectors (injection rate 13.5 g/s)



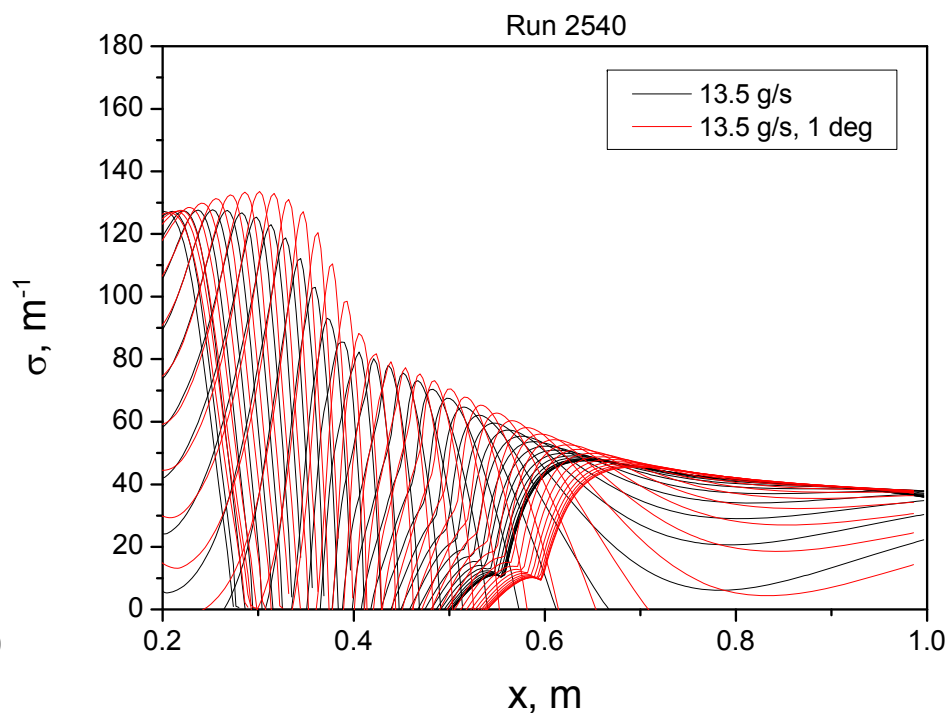
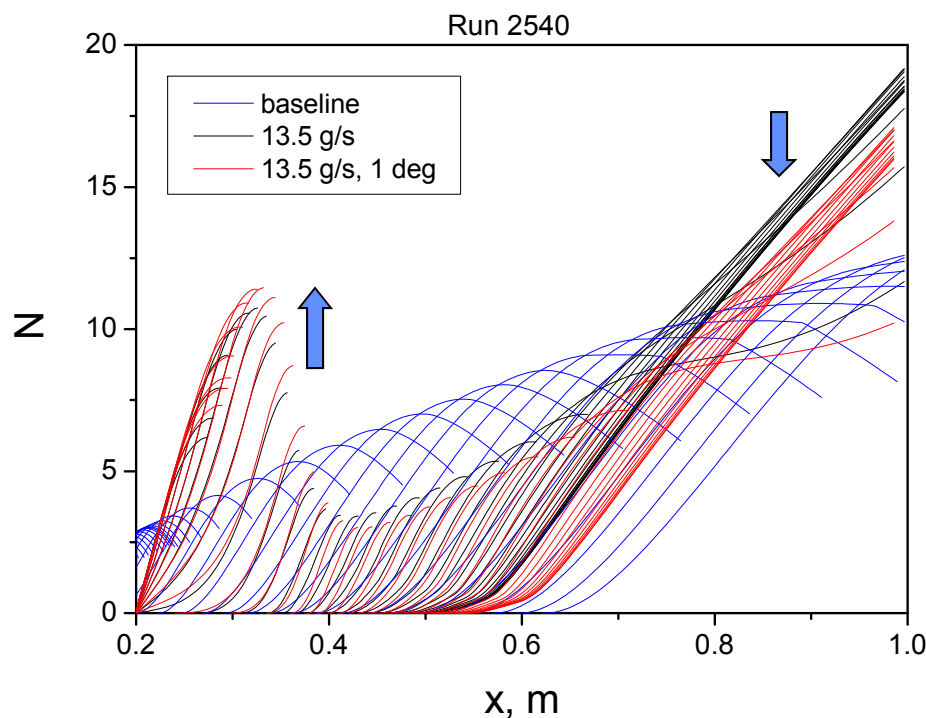
**Boundary-layer  
thickness increases  
with  $\Delta\theta$  in the  
relaxation region**

# Shaping $\Delta\theta=1^\circ$ without injection



**Effect of shaping is local and small**

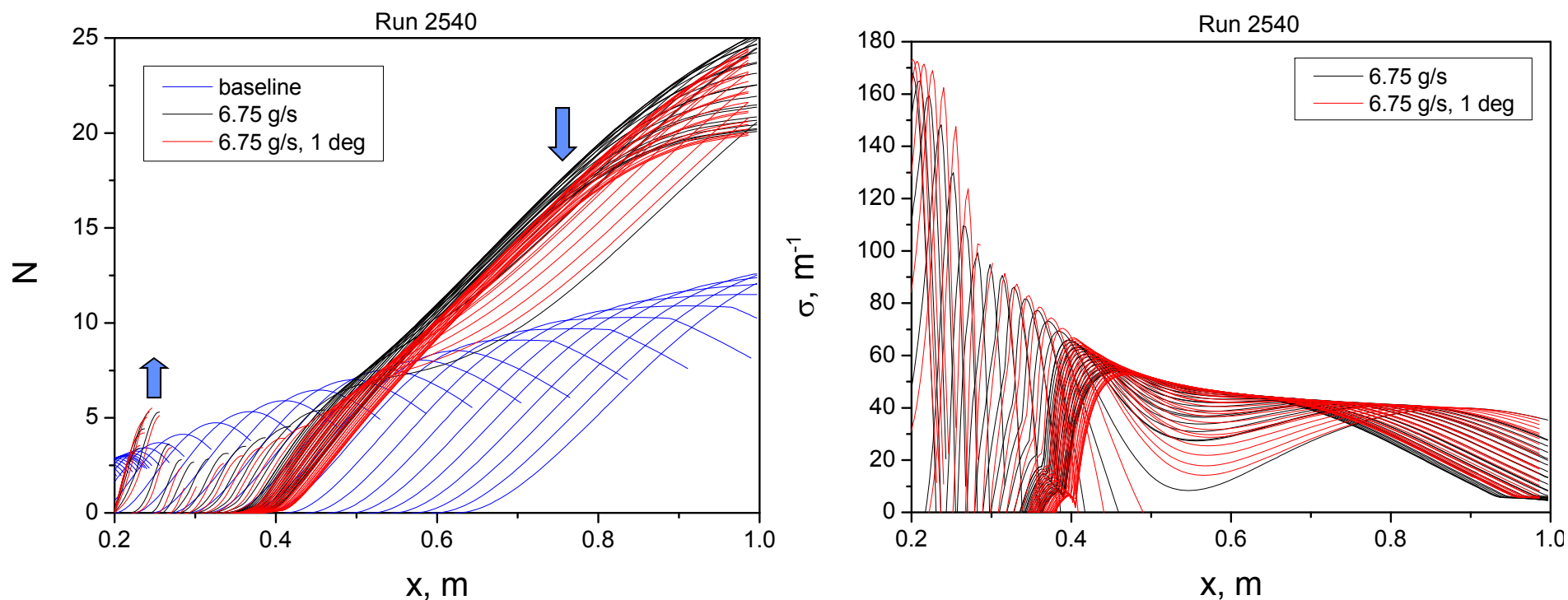
# Shaping $\Delta\theta=1^\circ$ with injection of 13.5 g/s



## Conical injector with $\Delta\theta=1^\circ$

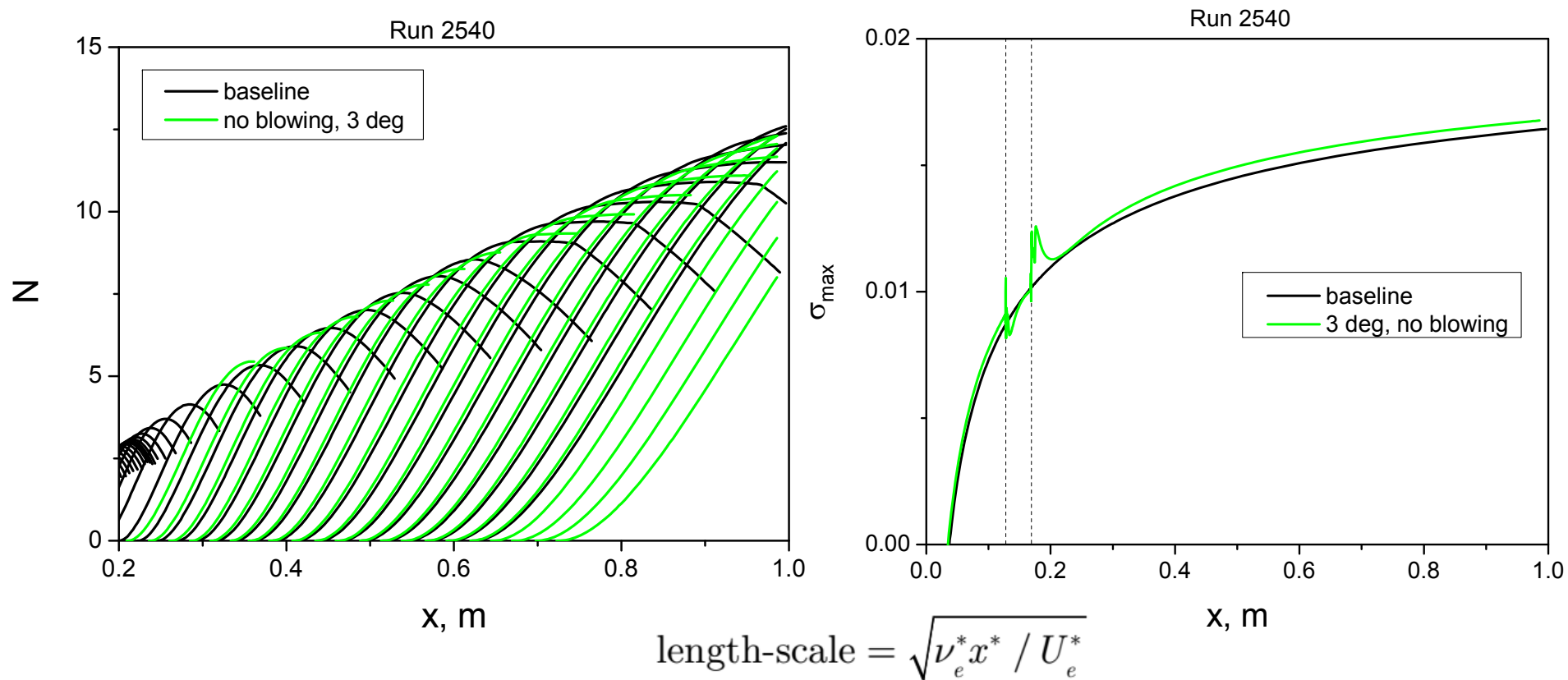
- Slightly destabilizes flow in the near-field relaxation region
- Slightly stabilizes flow in the far-field relaxation region

# Shaping $\Delta\theta=1^\circ$ and injection 6.75 g/s



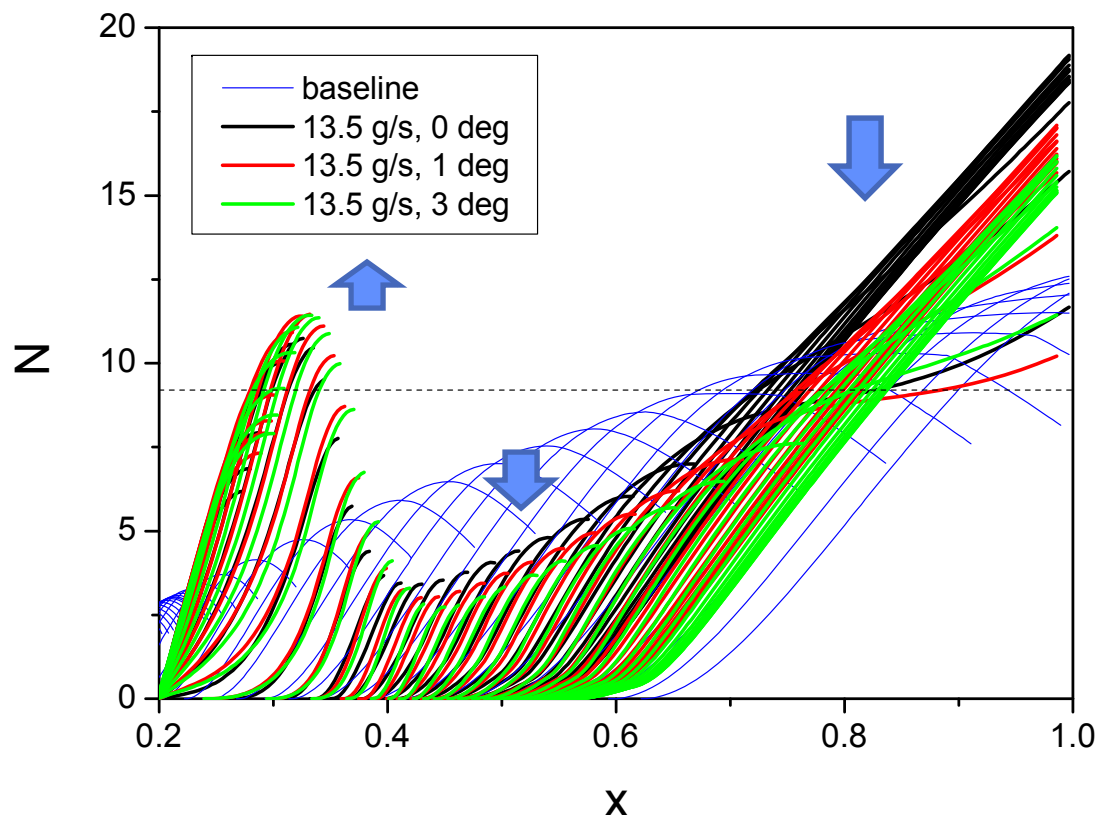
**Shaping of  $\Delta\theta=1^\circ$  produces small effect on stability of flow at the injection rate 6.75 g/s**

# Shaping of $\Delta\theta=3^\circ$ without injection



**Effect of shaping is local and small**

# Summary plot of N-factors for conical injectors (injection rate 13.5 g/s)

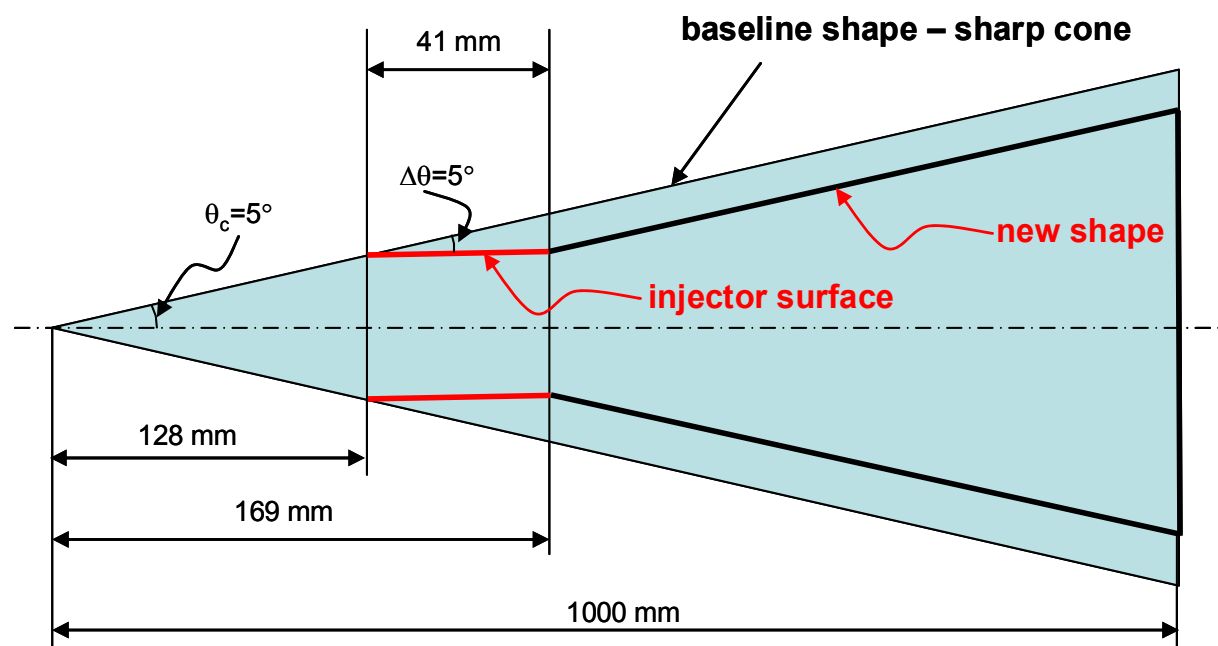


Shaping with  $\Delta\theta=1^\circ$  and  $3^\circ$

- Slightly destabilizes flow in the near-field relaxation region
- Stabilizes flow in the far-field relaxation region

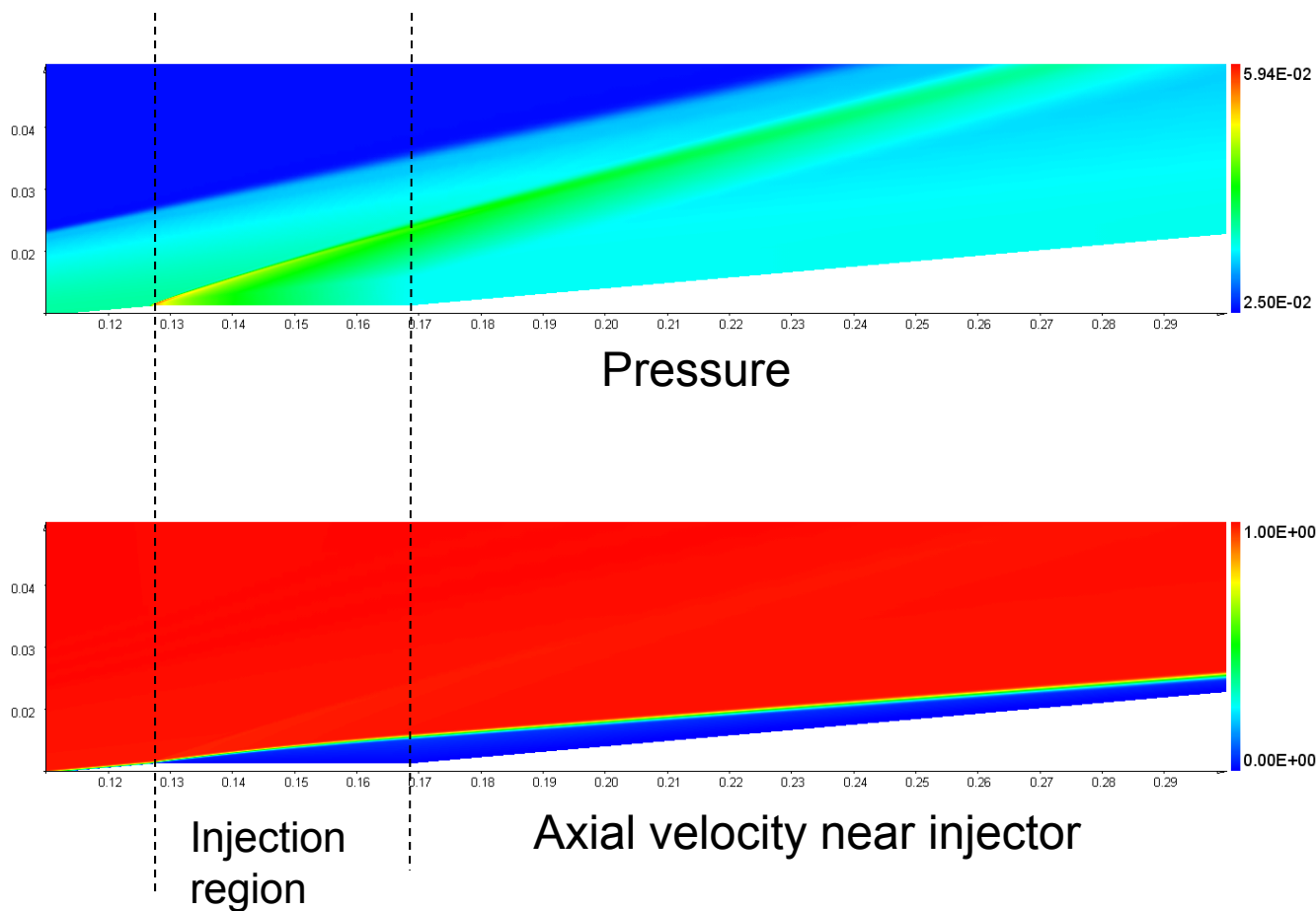


# Injectors of cylindrical shape

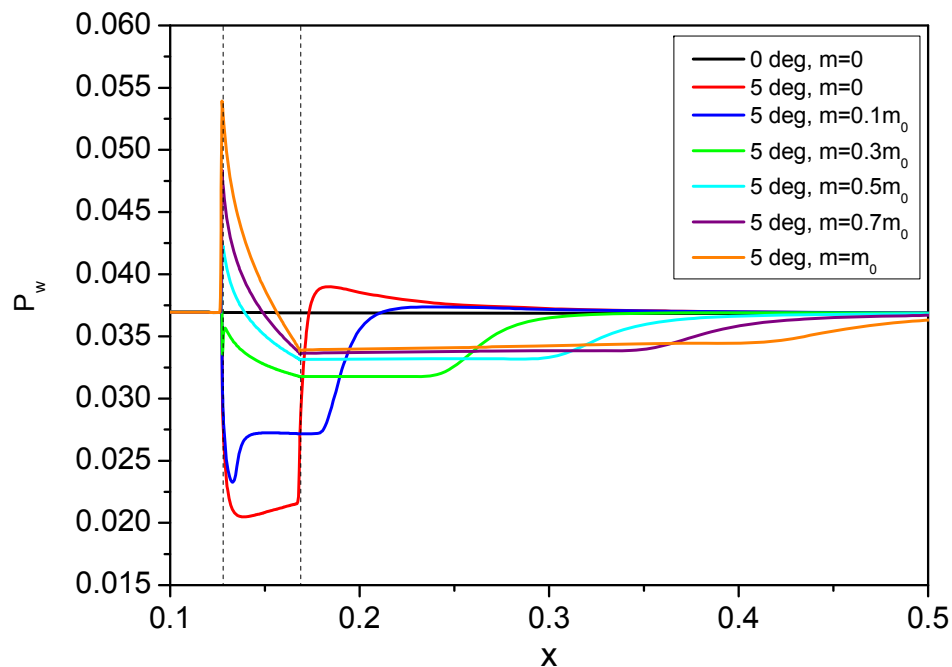


# Mean flow for cylindrical injector

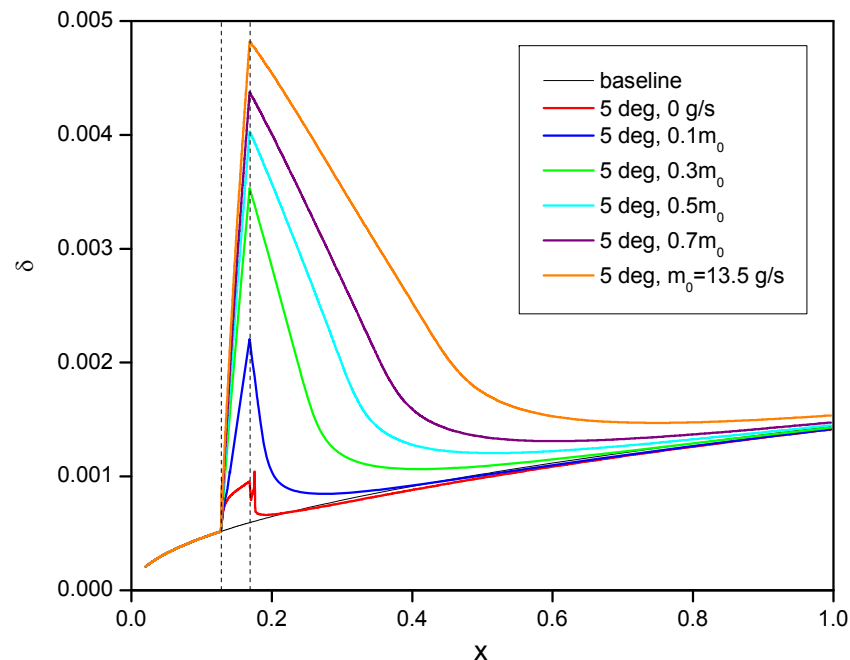
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# Mean flow for cylindrical injector (various injection rates)

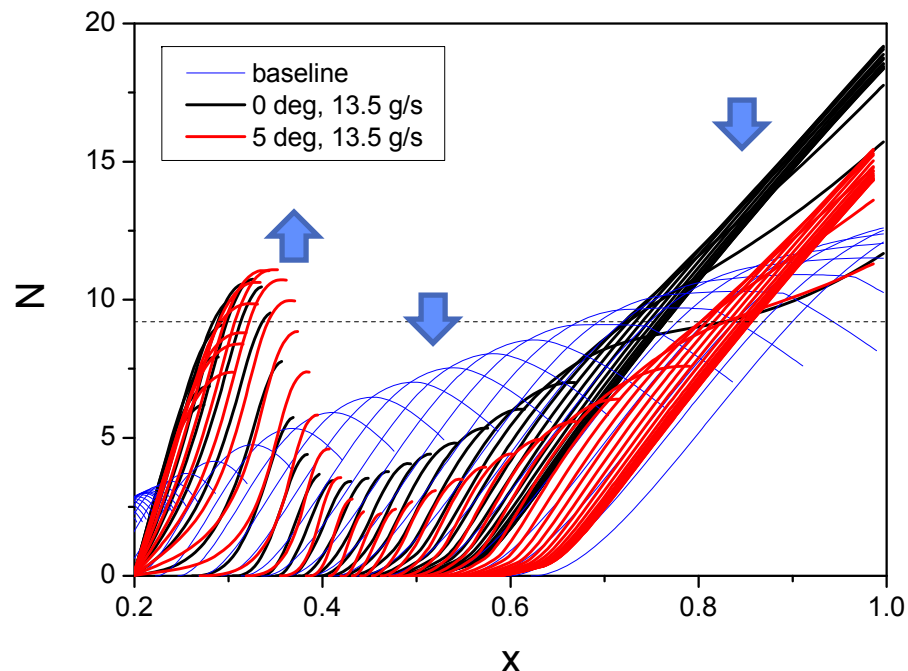
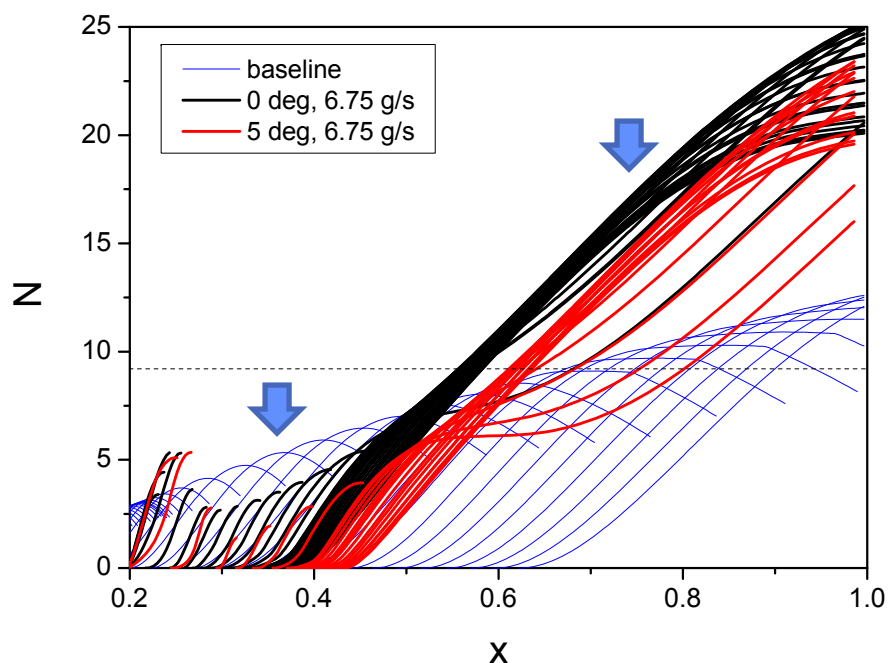


Wall pressure



Boundary layer thickness

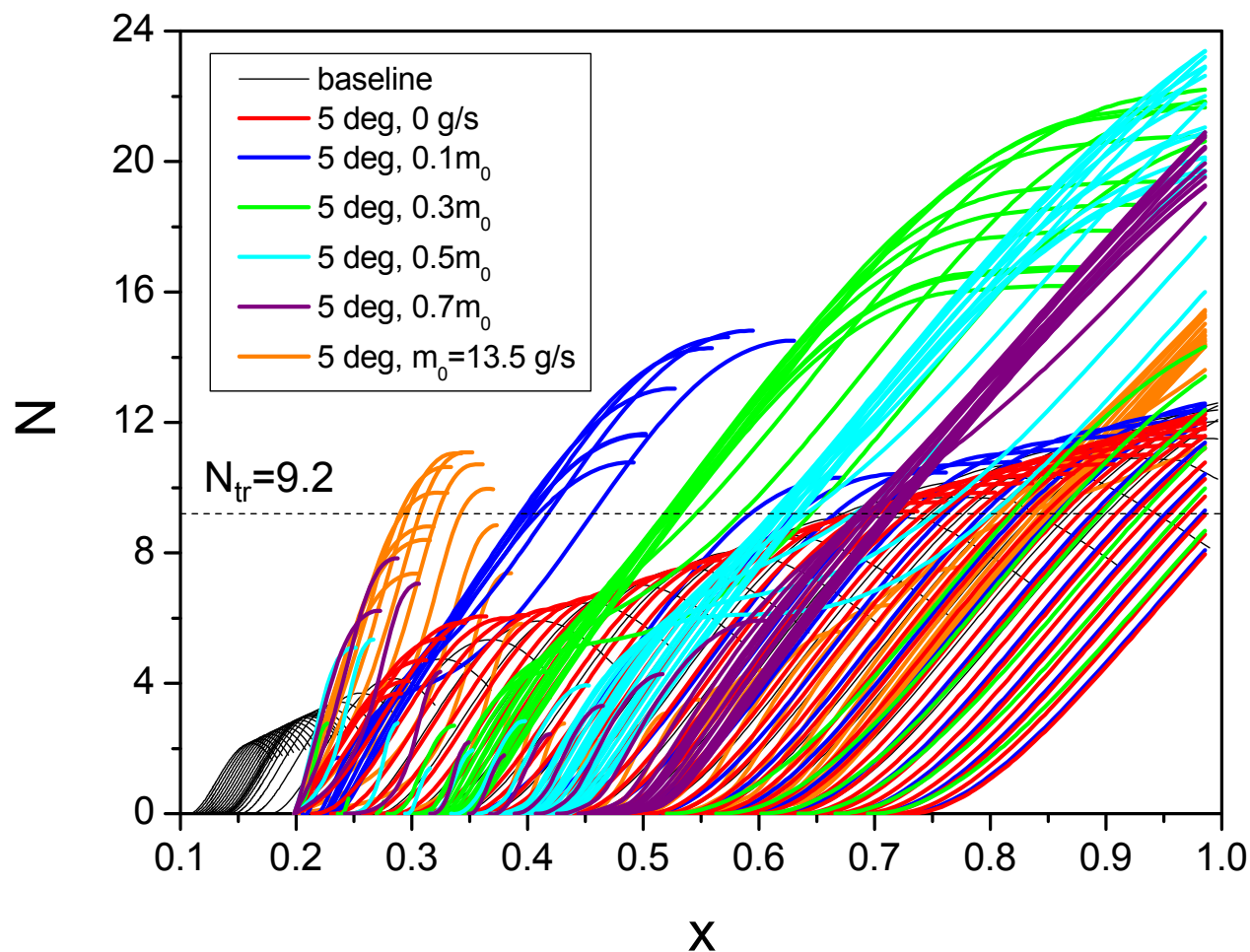
# N-factors for cylindrical injector



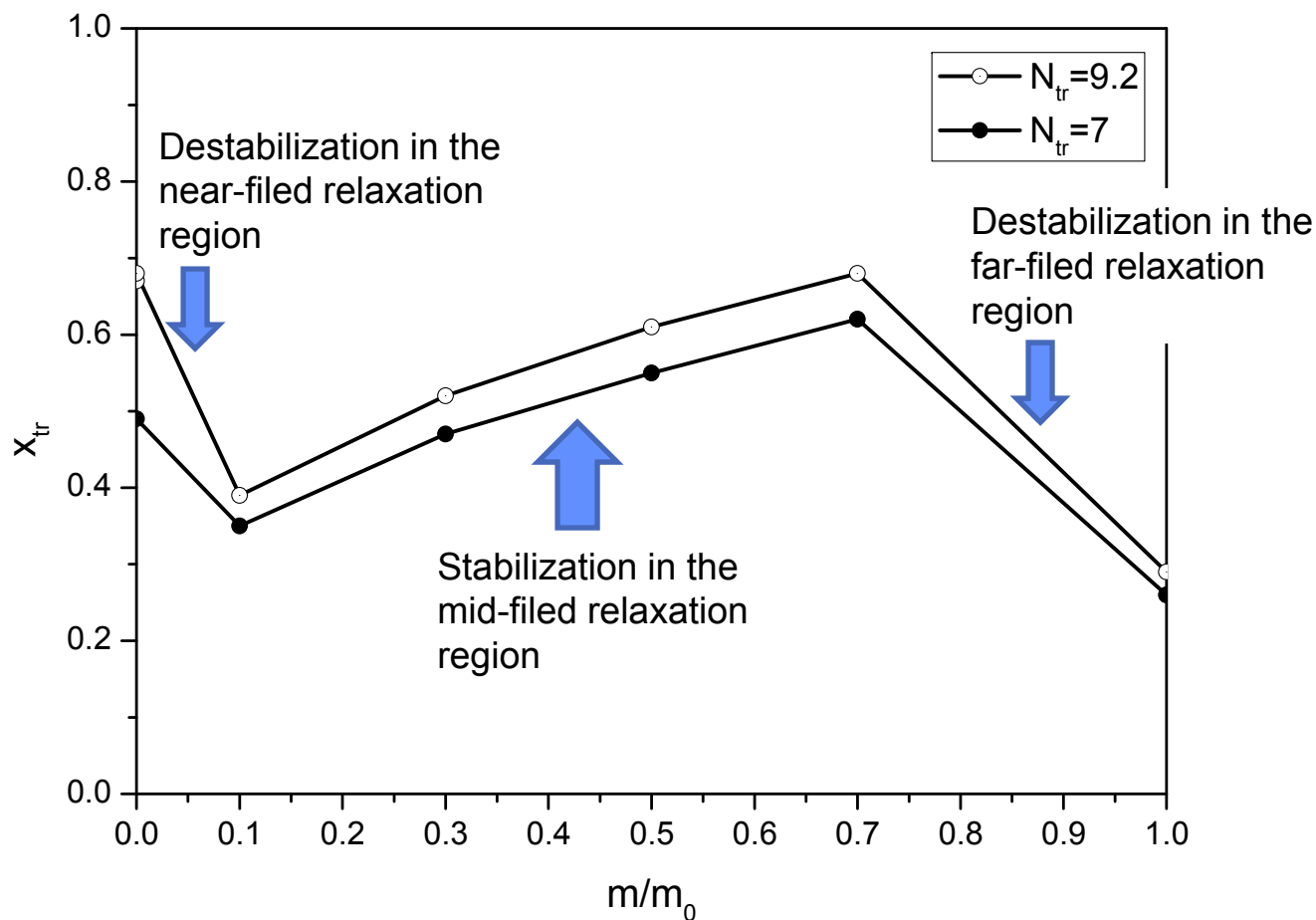
**This shaping**

- Slightly destabilizes flow in the near-field relaxation region
- Stabilizes flow in the mid- and far-field relaxation region

# Summary plot of N-factors for cylindrical injector (various injection rates)

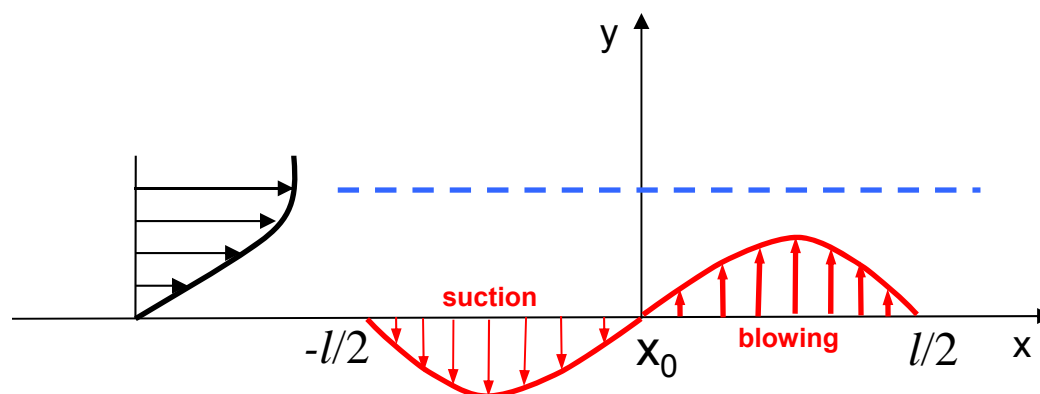


# Estimates of the injection effect on the transition onset



Cylindrical injector,  $m_0=13.5$  g/s

# Suction-blowing of zero mass addition



$$-l/2 \leq x - x_0 \leq l/2$$

$$z = (x - x_0)2\pi / l, \quad -\pi \leq z \leq \pi$$

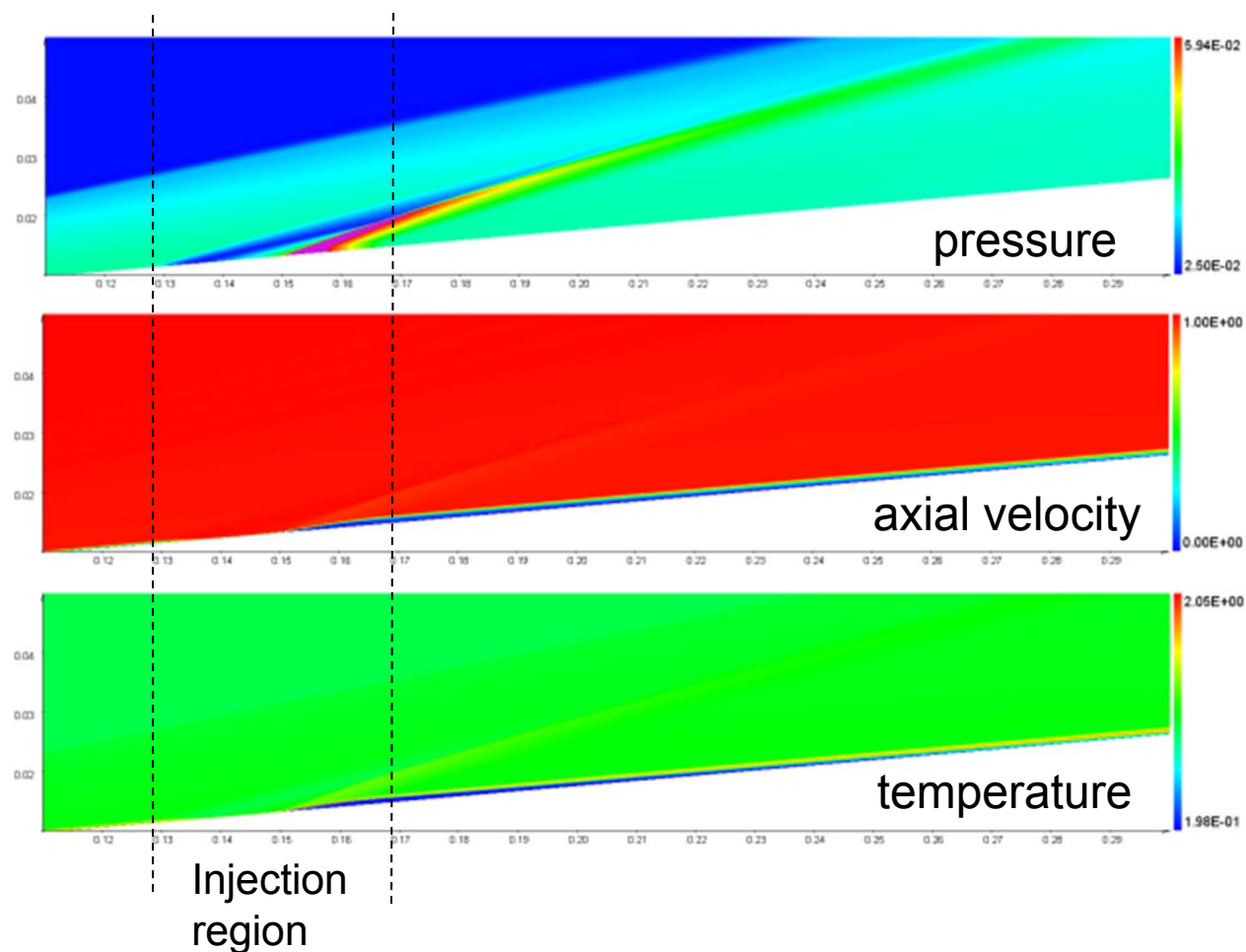
$$q(z) = q_0 \frac{l}{2\pi} \sin z$$

$$\dot{m}_+ = q_0 \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin z dz = q_0 l / \pi$$

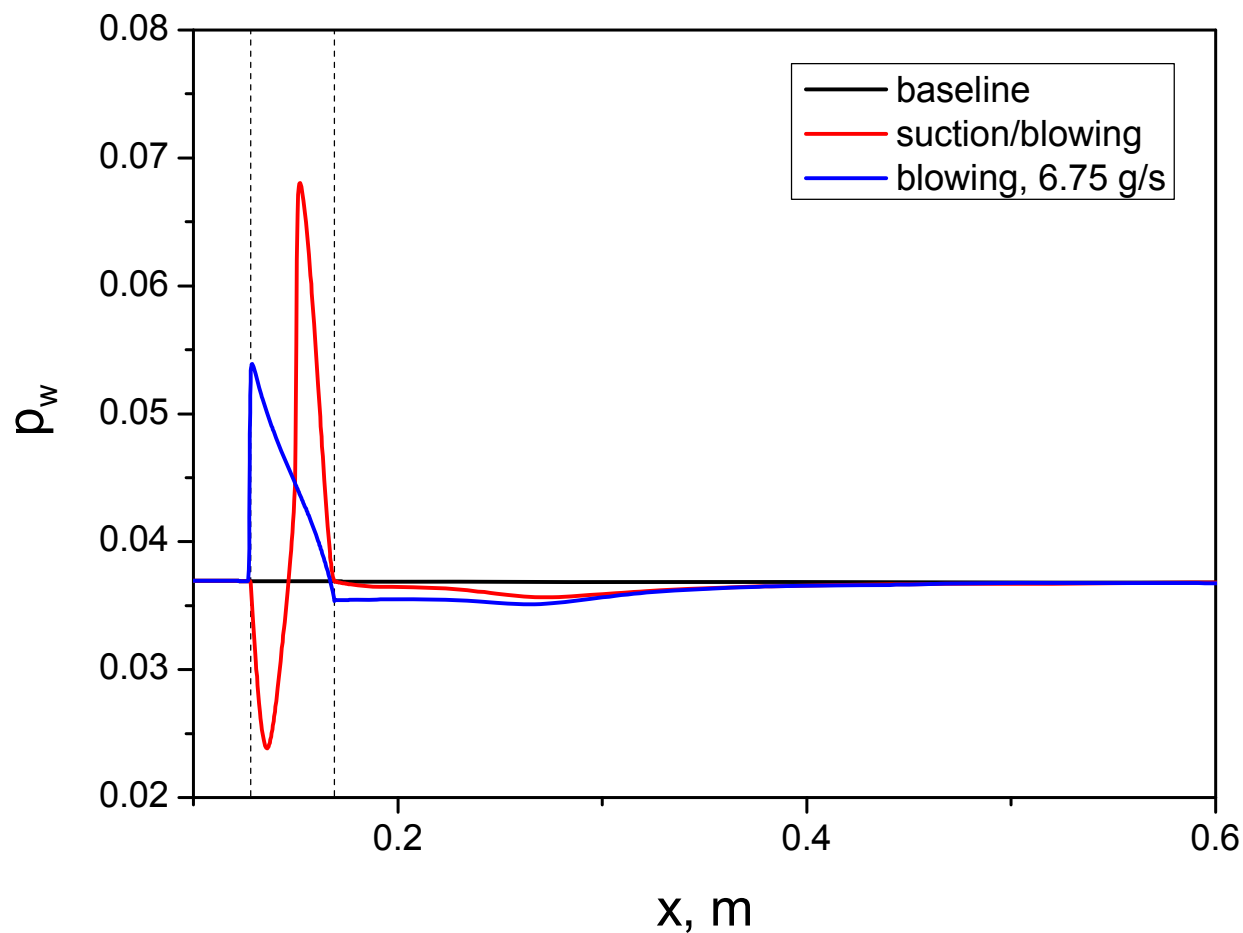
$$\dot{m}_- = q_0 \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin z dz = -q_0 l / \pi$$

# Mean flow for suction-blowing system

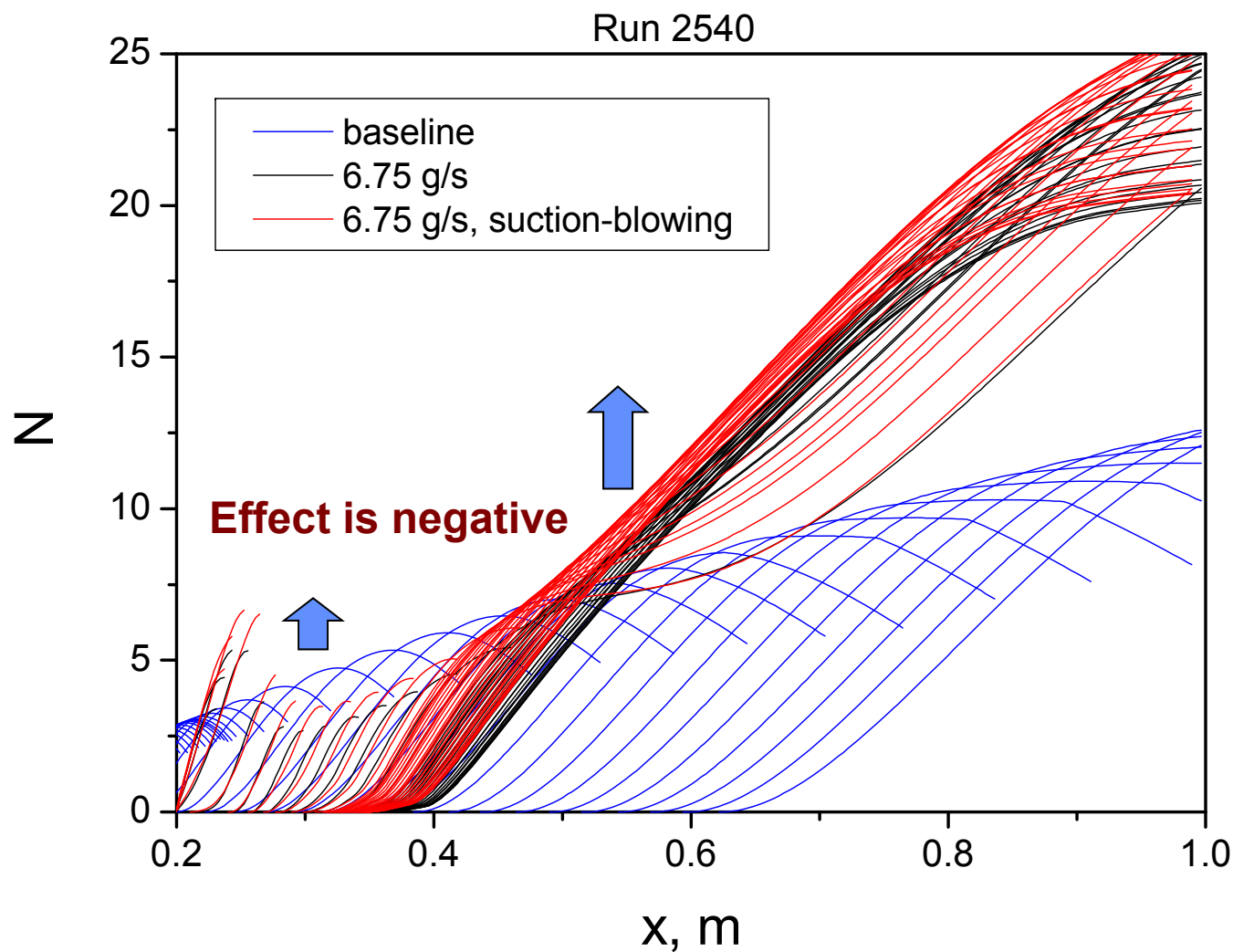
( $m_+ = 6.75$  g/s)



# Wall pressure distribution for suction-blowing system ( $\dot{m}_+ = 6.75$ g/s)



# N-factors for suction-blowing system ( $m_+ = 6.75$ g/s)



# Conclusions

- Injection induces a cold dead-flow layer in the downstream relaxation region
- The near-wall flow behaves as a wave guide which can support several unstable modes of acoustic type
  - The most unstable is the Mack second mode
  - The phase speeds of instability are close to those of slow acoustic waves in the free-stream
  - Instability frequencies are several times smaller than in the no injection case
  - This may lead to dramatic increase of receptivity to free-stream noise

# Conclusions (cont'd)

- The  $e^N$  computations for baseline configuration showed
  - Injection leads to destabilization of the near-field region, stabilization of the mid-field relaxation region, and destabilization of the far-field relaxation region
  - The level of these effects essentially depend on the injected mass flow rate
- The injector shaping considered
  - Does not stabilize the near-field flow at sufficiently large injection rates
- For relatively small injection rates the shaping produces a significant stabilization effect in the mid- and far-field relaxation regions
- The suction-blowing of zero mass addition destabilizes the flow in the whole relaxation region

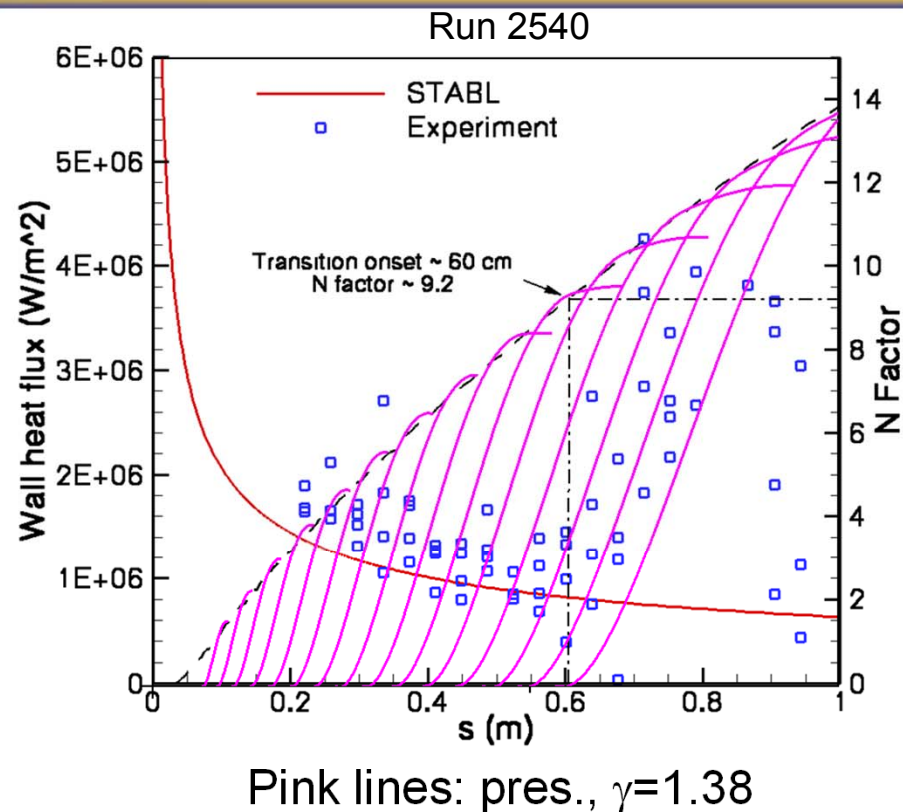
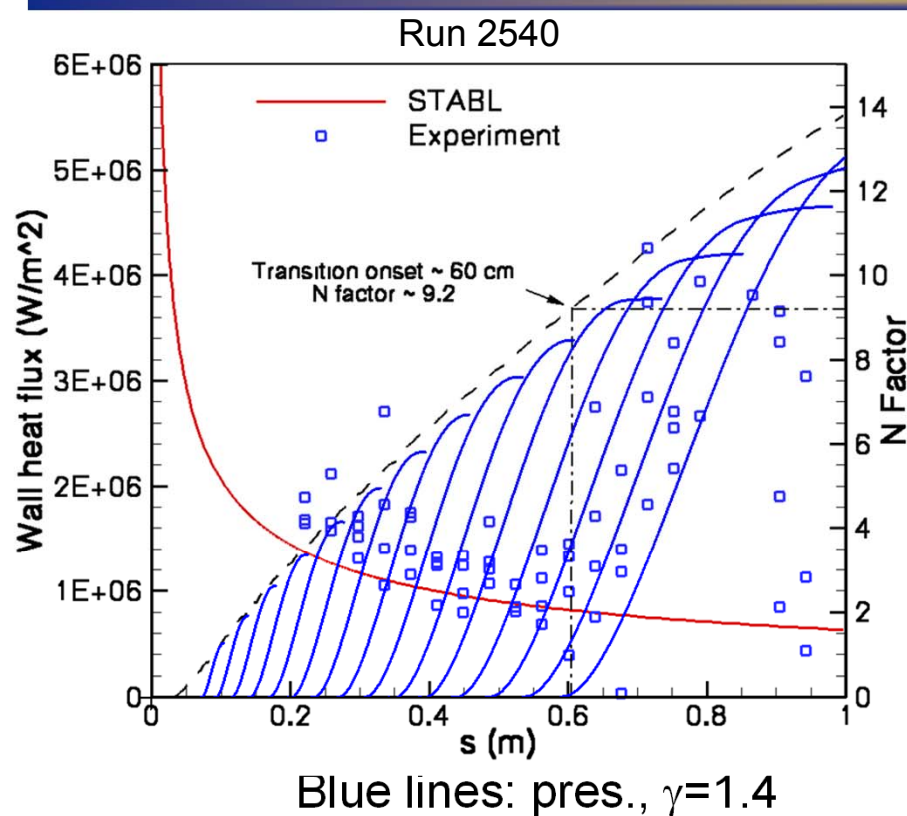


# Backup

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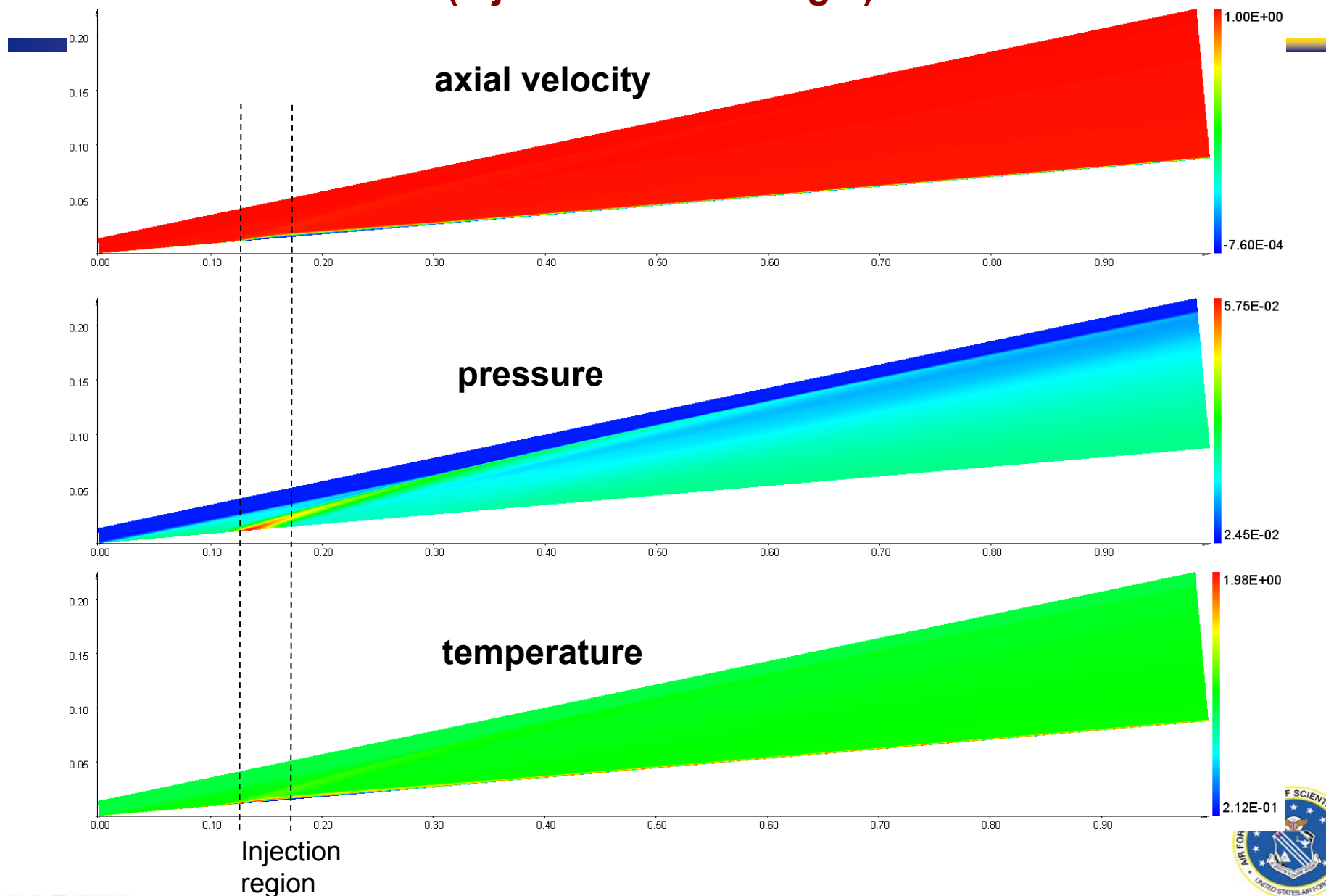
# Stability analysis (cont'd)



**With small correction of  $\gamma$ , N-factors predicted by the perfect-gas model are close to N-factors predicted by STABL\***

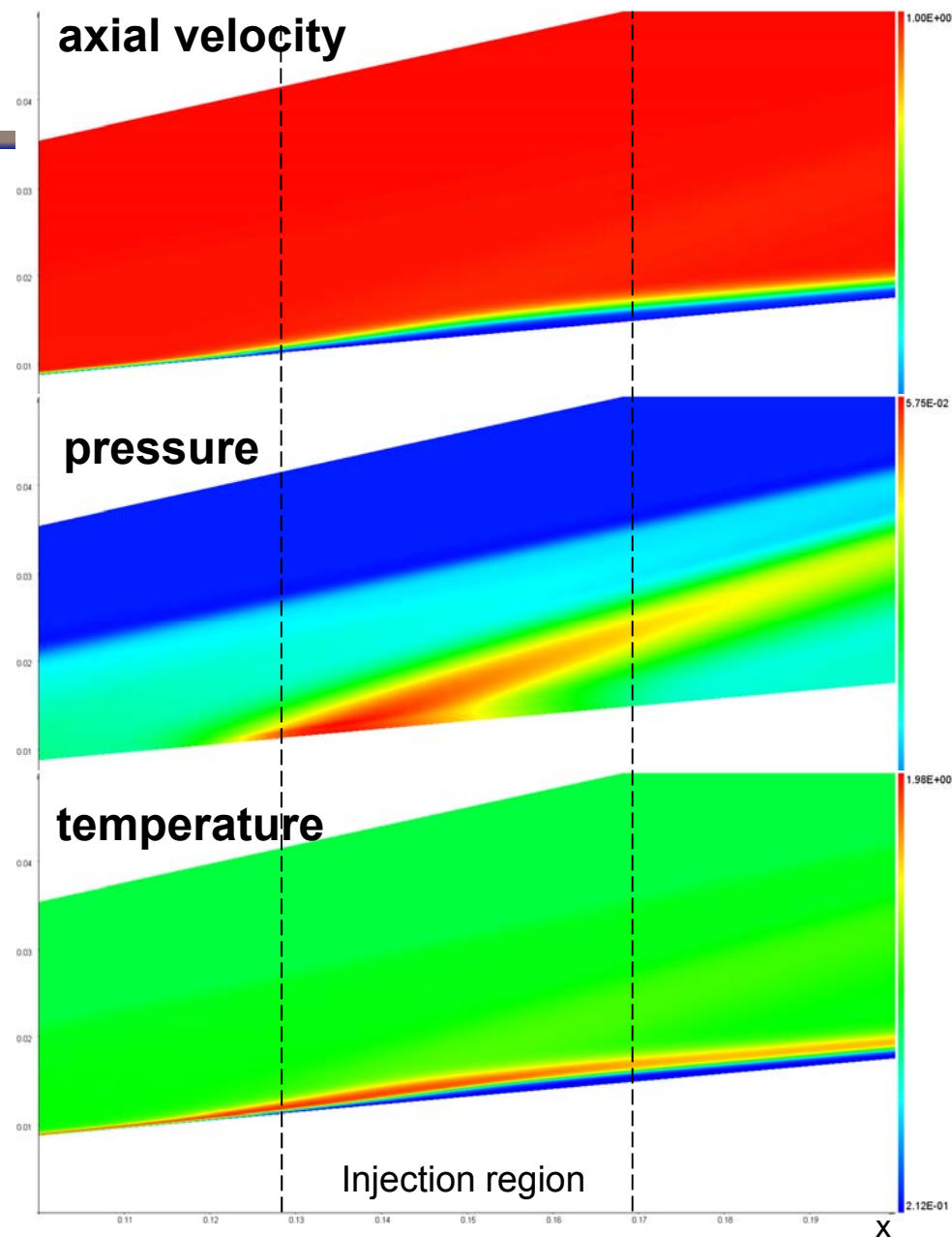
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# Mean flow for baseline configuration (injection rate=13.5 g/s)

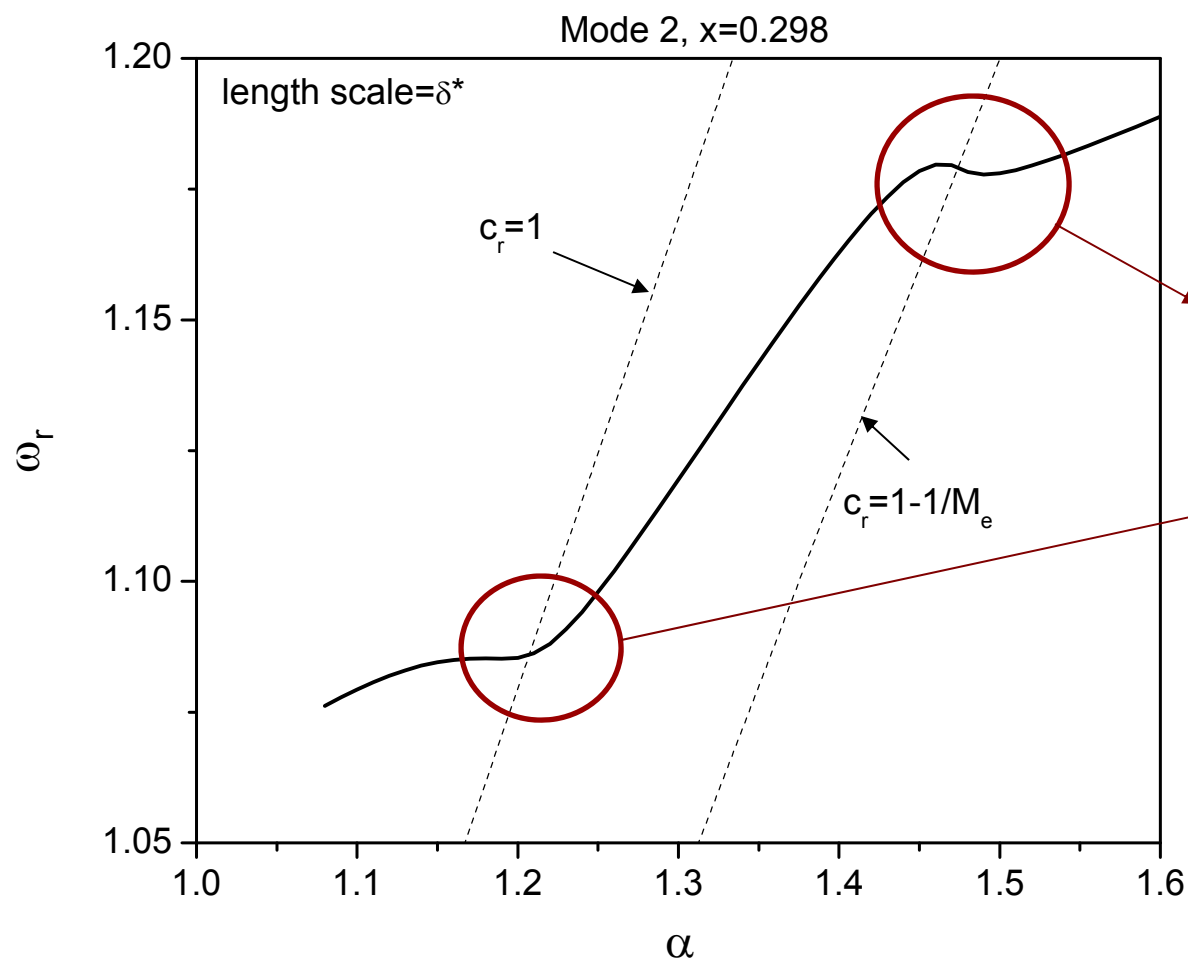


# Mean flow near injection

baseline configuration  
injection rate=13.5 g/s



# It is not easy to convert temporal growth rates to spatial ones



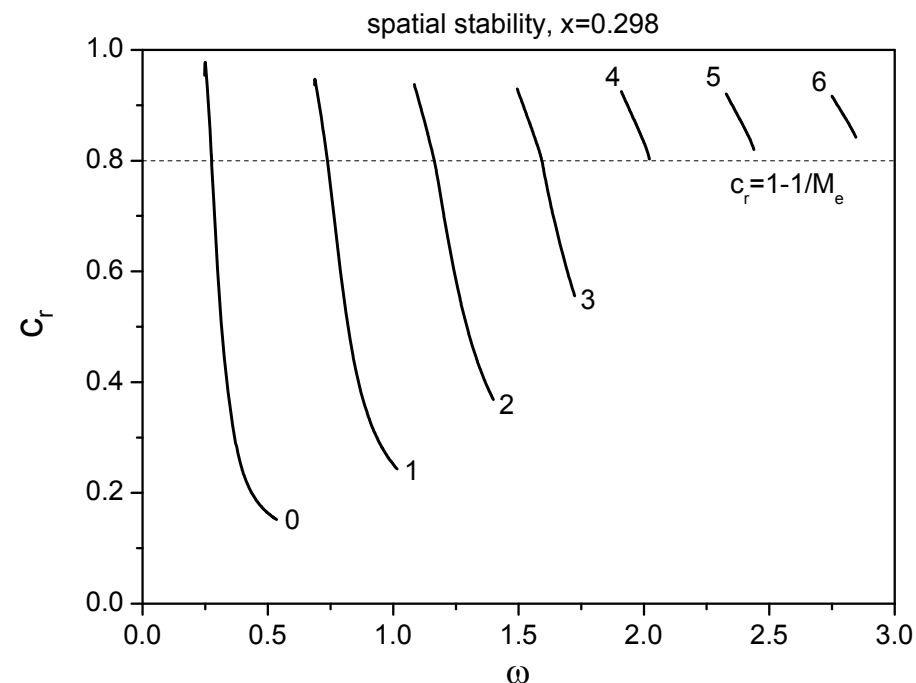
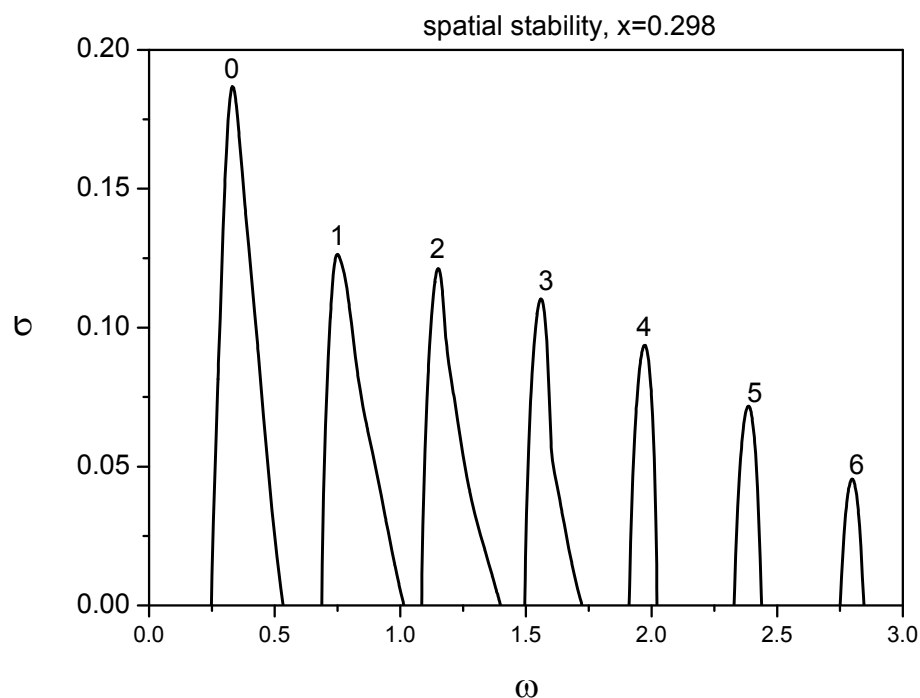
Gaster transformation

$$\alpha_i = -\frac{\omega_i}{V_g}$$

$$V_g = d\omega_r / d\alpha$$

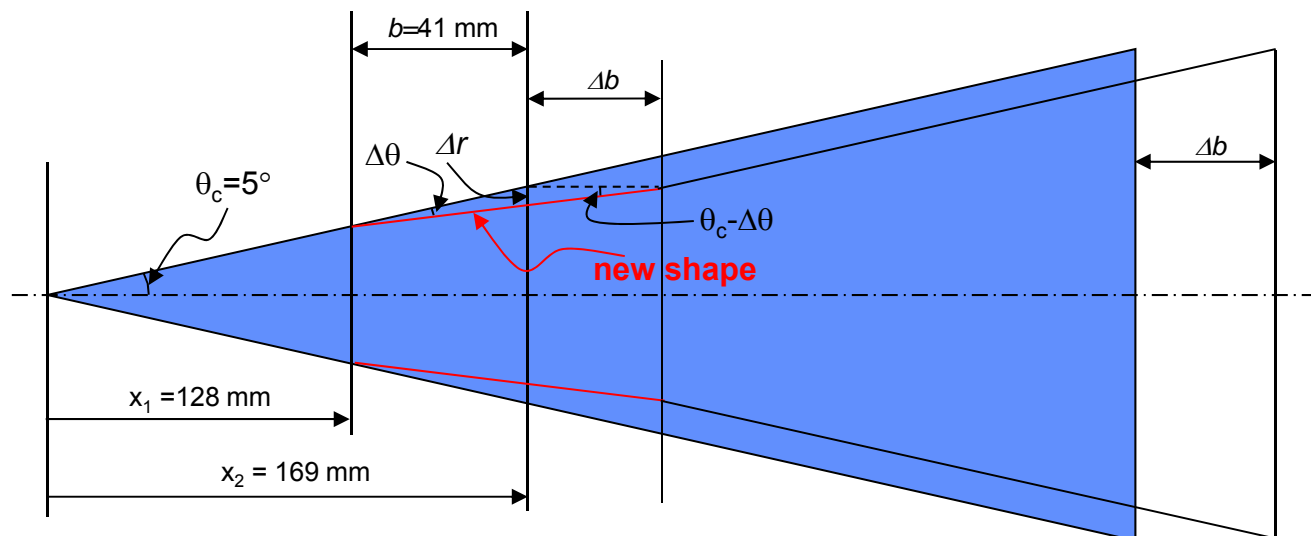
does not work here

# Spatial stability analysis in the relaxation region (injection rate=13.5 g/s, $x=0.3$ )



- Mode 0 (Mack second mode) is most unstable
- Its instability is observed at low phase speeds

# Injector of conical shape

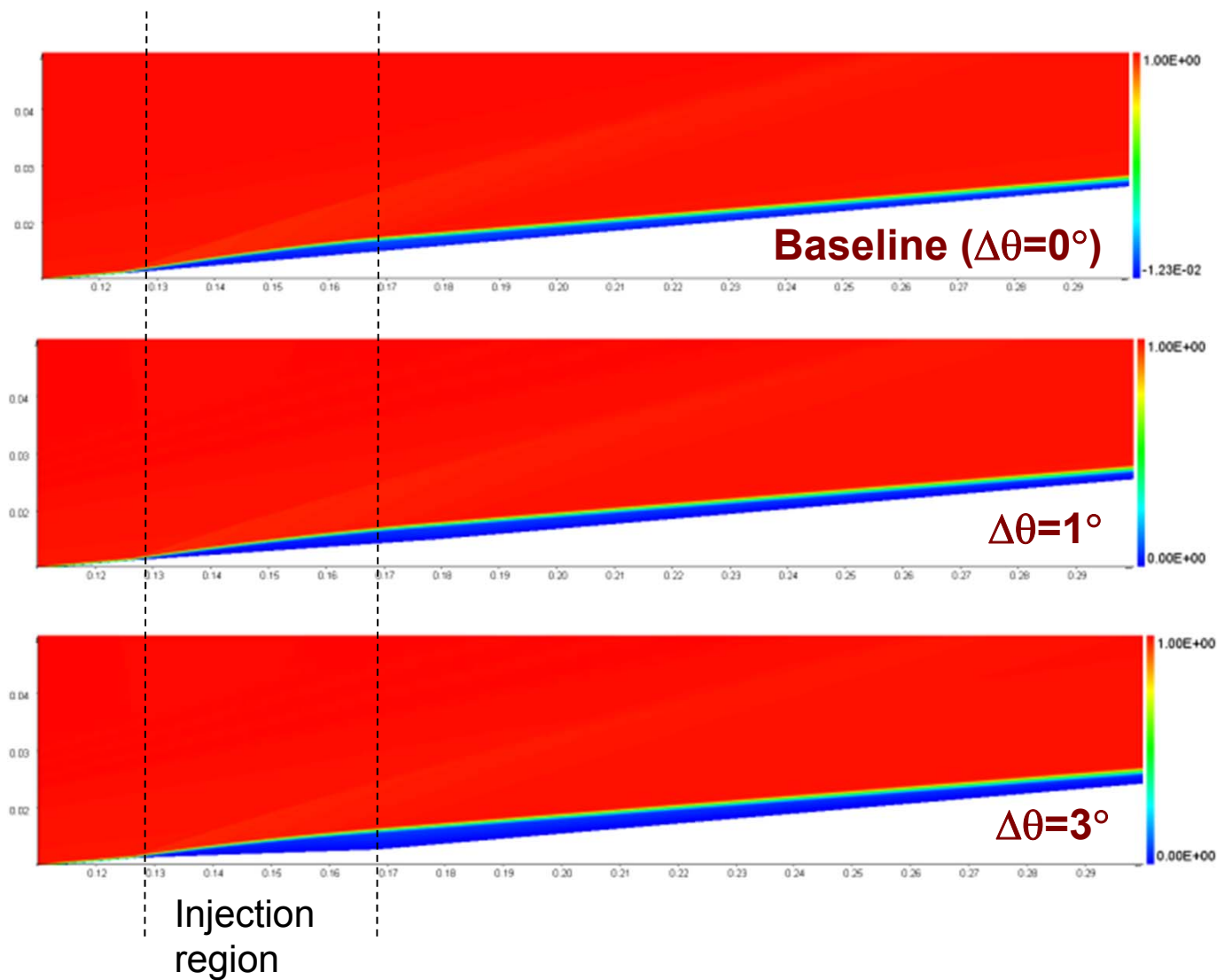


5-deg half-angle sharp cone with the injector having the slope  $\theta = \theta_c - \Delta\theta$

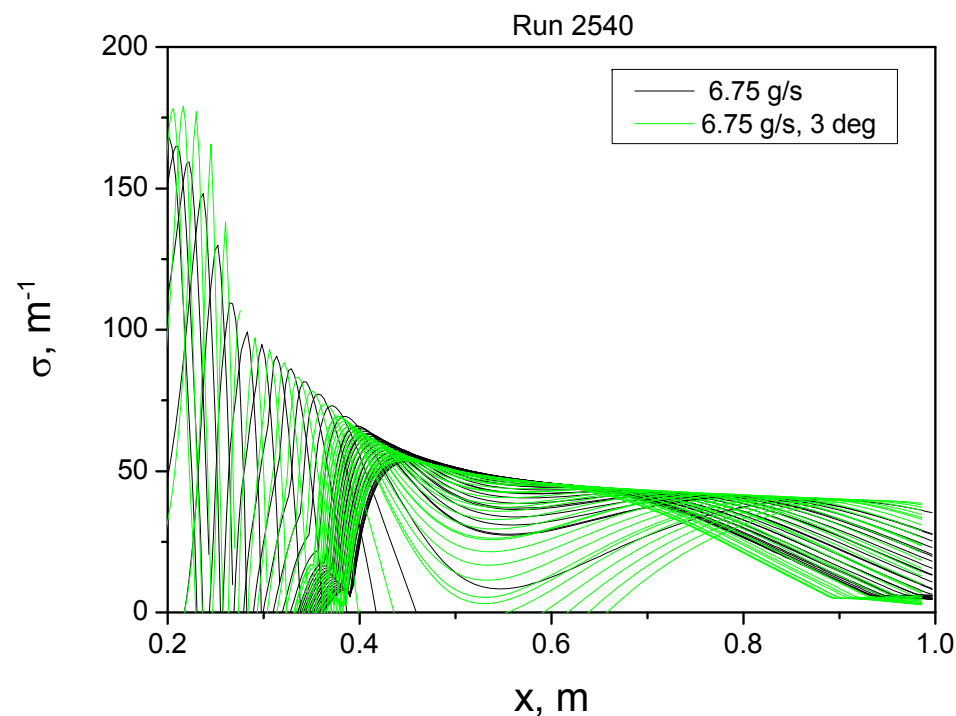
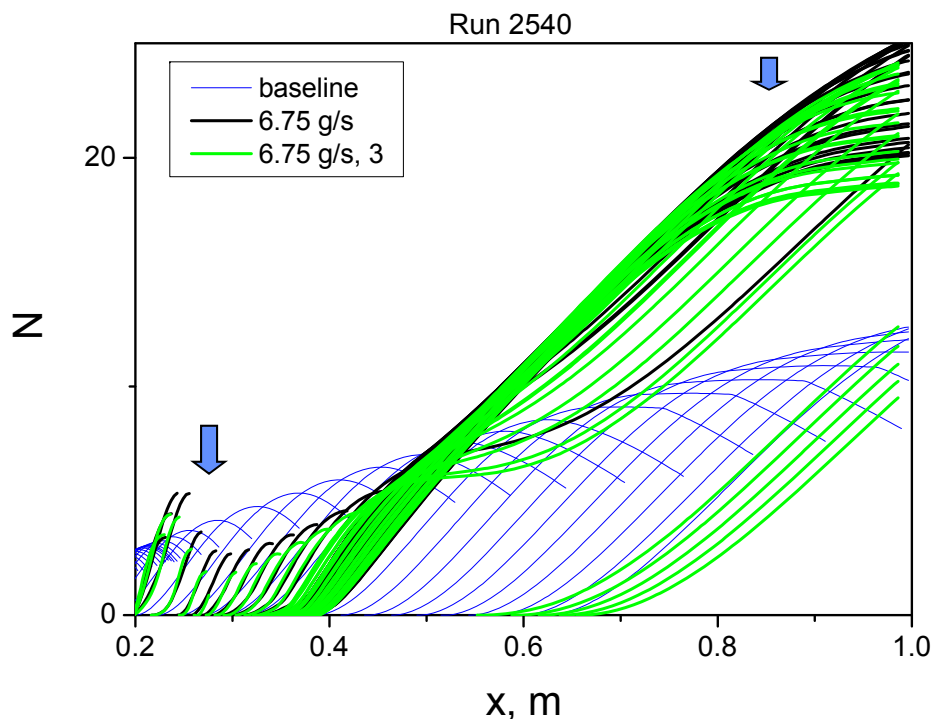
$$\Delta r \approx b[\tan \theta_c - \tan(\theta_c - \Delta\theta)] \approx b\Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta b = \frac{\Delta r}{\tan(\theta_c - \Delta\theta)} \approx \frac{\Delta r}{\tan \theta_c}$$

# Mean-flow axial velocity for conical injectors (injection rate 13.5 g/s)



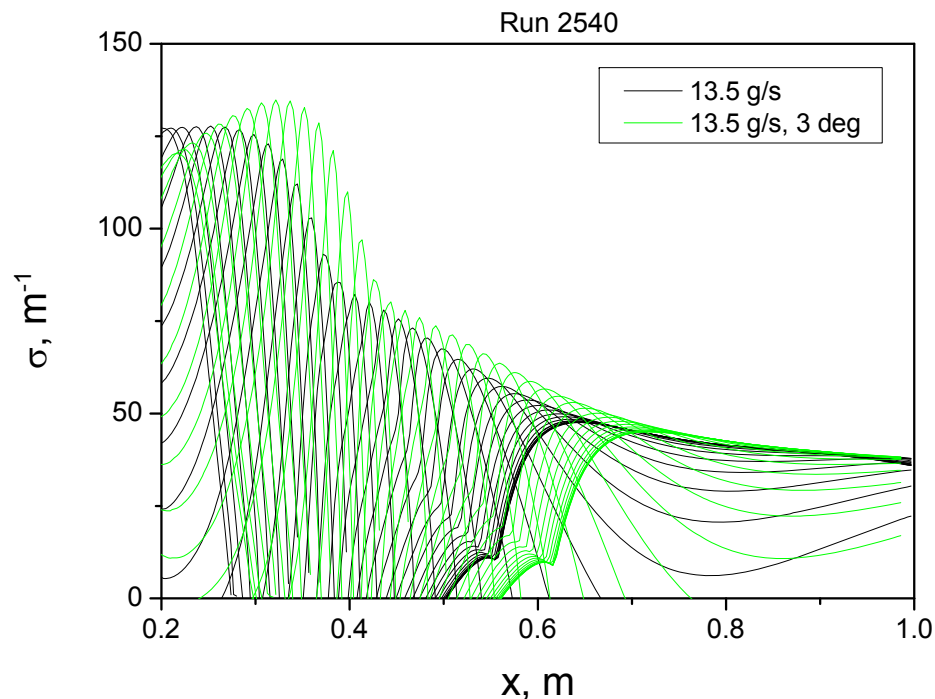
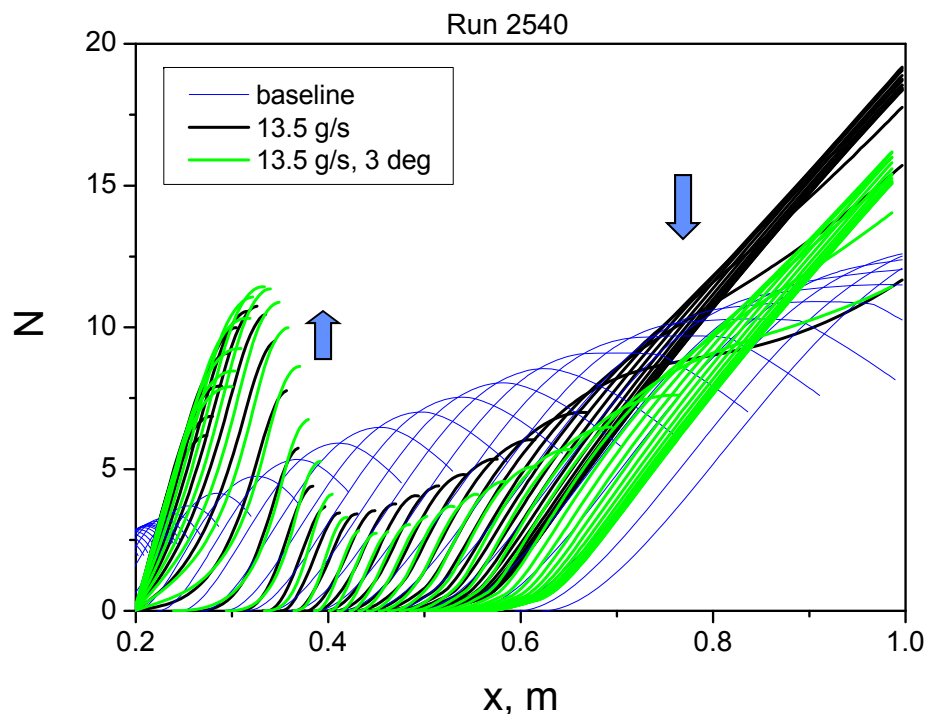
# Shaping of $\Delta\theta=3^\circ$ with injection 6.75 g/s



## Conical injector with $\Delta\theta=3^\circ$ shaping

- Slightly stabilizes flow in the near-field relaxation region
- Almost zero effect in the far-field relaxation region

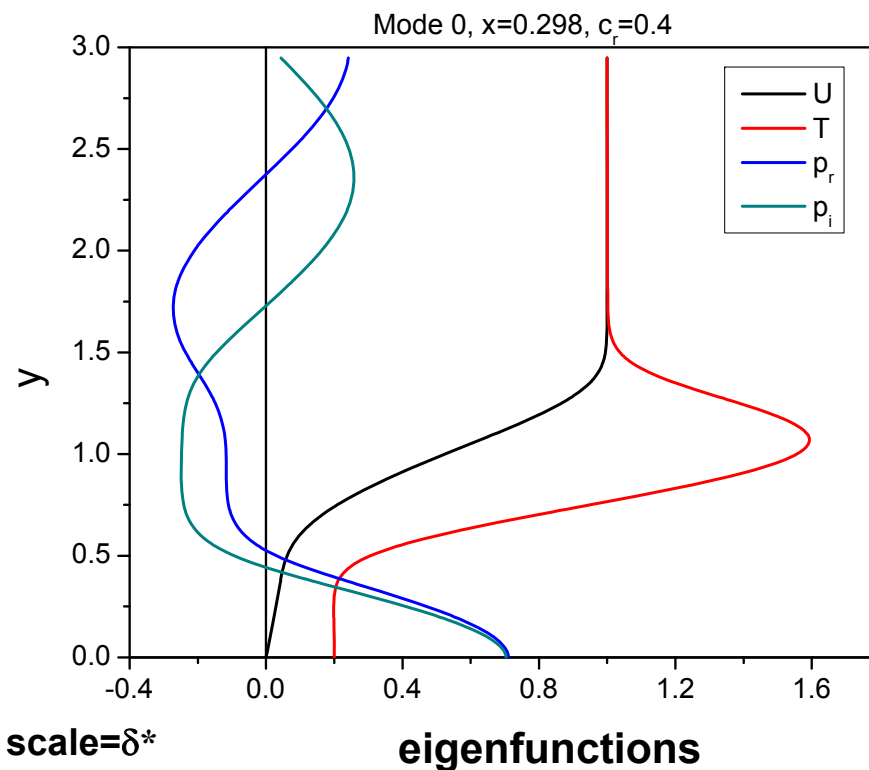
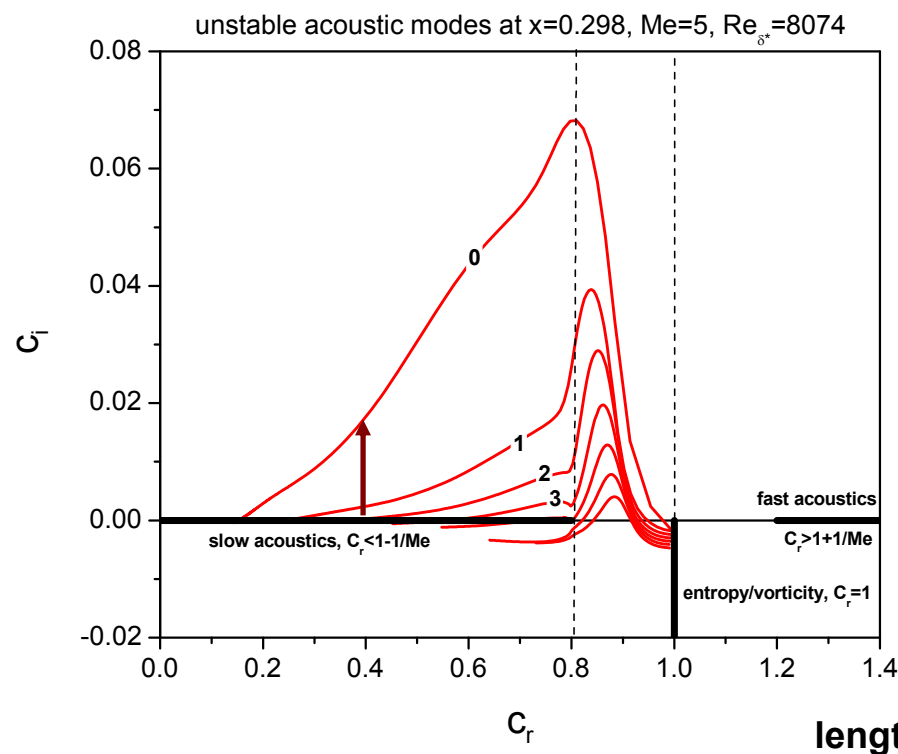
# Shaping of $\Delta\theta=3^\circ$ with injection 13.5 g/s



## Conical injector with $\Delta\theta=3^\circ$ shaping

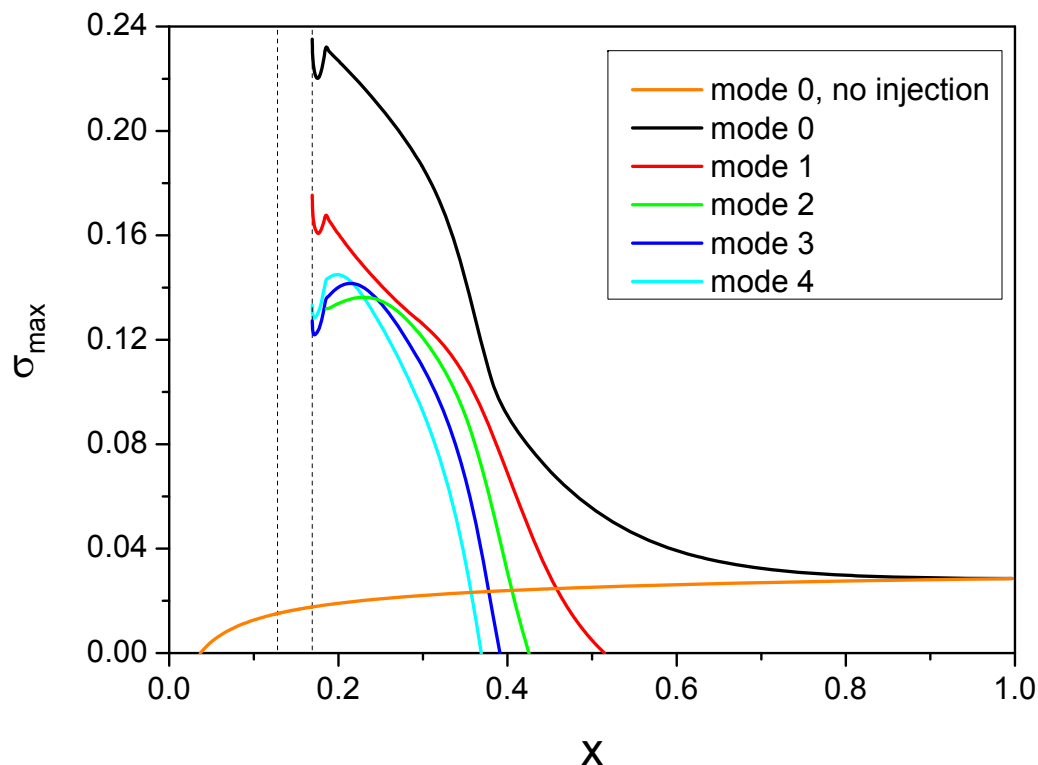
- Slightly destabilizes flow in the near-field relaxation region
- Stabilizes flow in the far-field relaxation region

# We are dealing with acoustic instability (cont'd)



- Phase speeds of unstable modes are close to those of slow acoustic waves
- Resonant interaction can enhance receptivity to slow free-stream noise
- Instability is observed at low frequencies where free-stream noise is higher

# Maximal growth rates in the relaxation region (injection with 13.5 g/s)



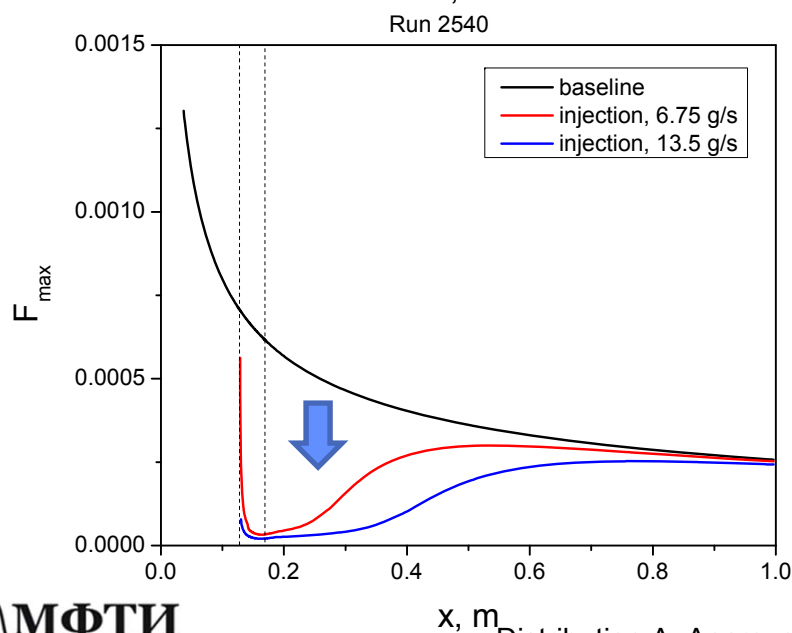
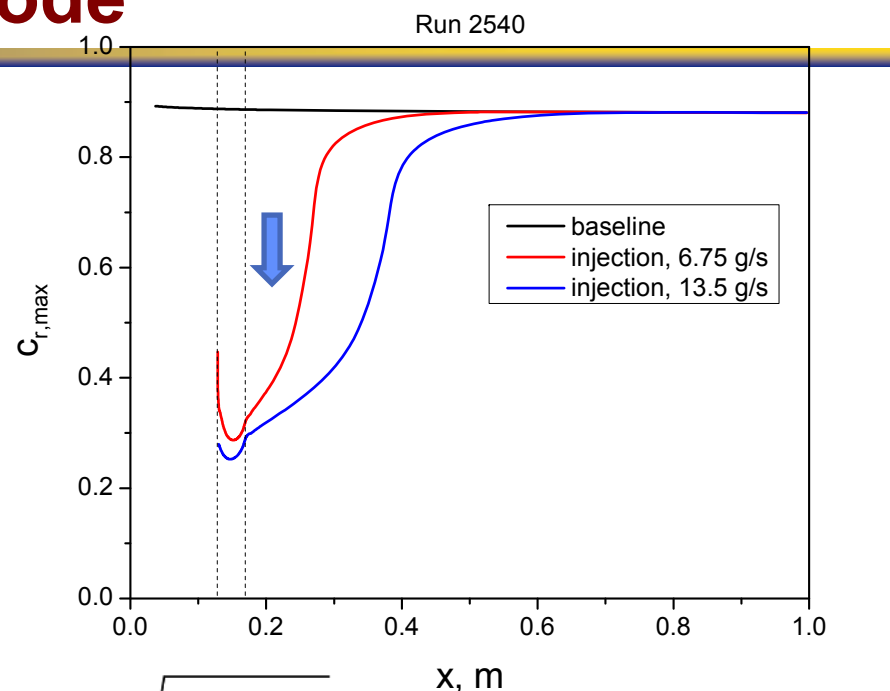
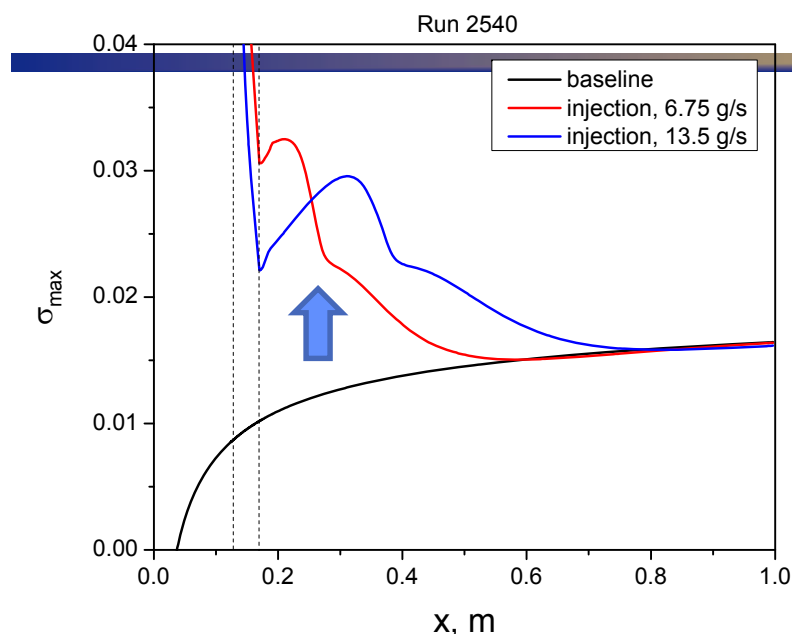
- The most unstable mode is Mack second mode (mode 0)
- Unstable x-region decreases with the mode number

length scale =  $\delta^*$

$$\sigma_{\max} = -\alpha_{i,\max} = \max_{\omega} [-\alpha_i(\omega)]$$

**Further analysis is focused  
on the Mack second mode**

# Maximal growth rates of Mack second mode



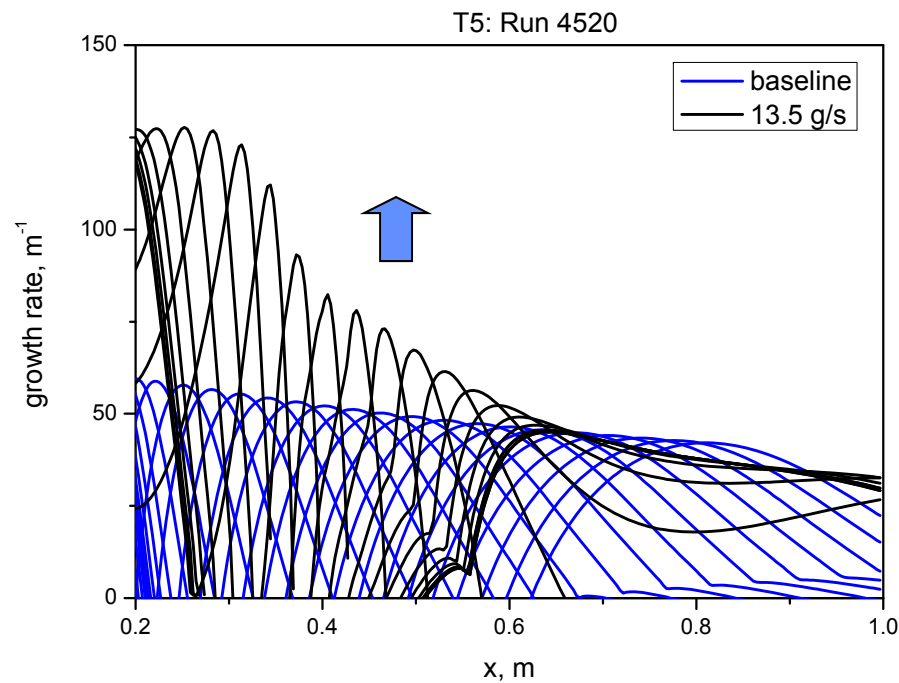
$$\text{length-scale} = \sqrt{\nu_e^* x^* / U_e^*}$$

**In the relaxation region  $x > 0.2$  m**

- High maximal growth rates
- Low frequencies
- Low phase speeds



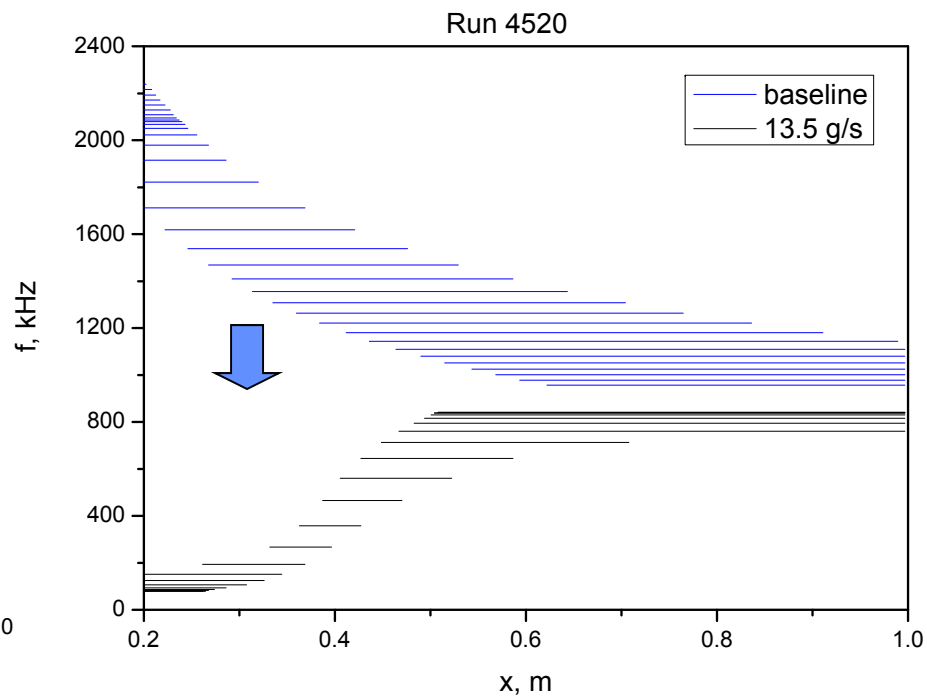
# Injection affects growth rates and frequencies in the relaxation region



**Maximal growth rates are increased**

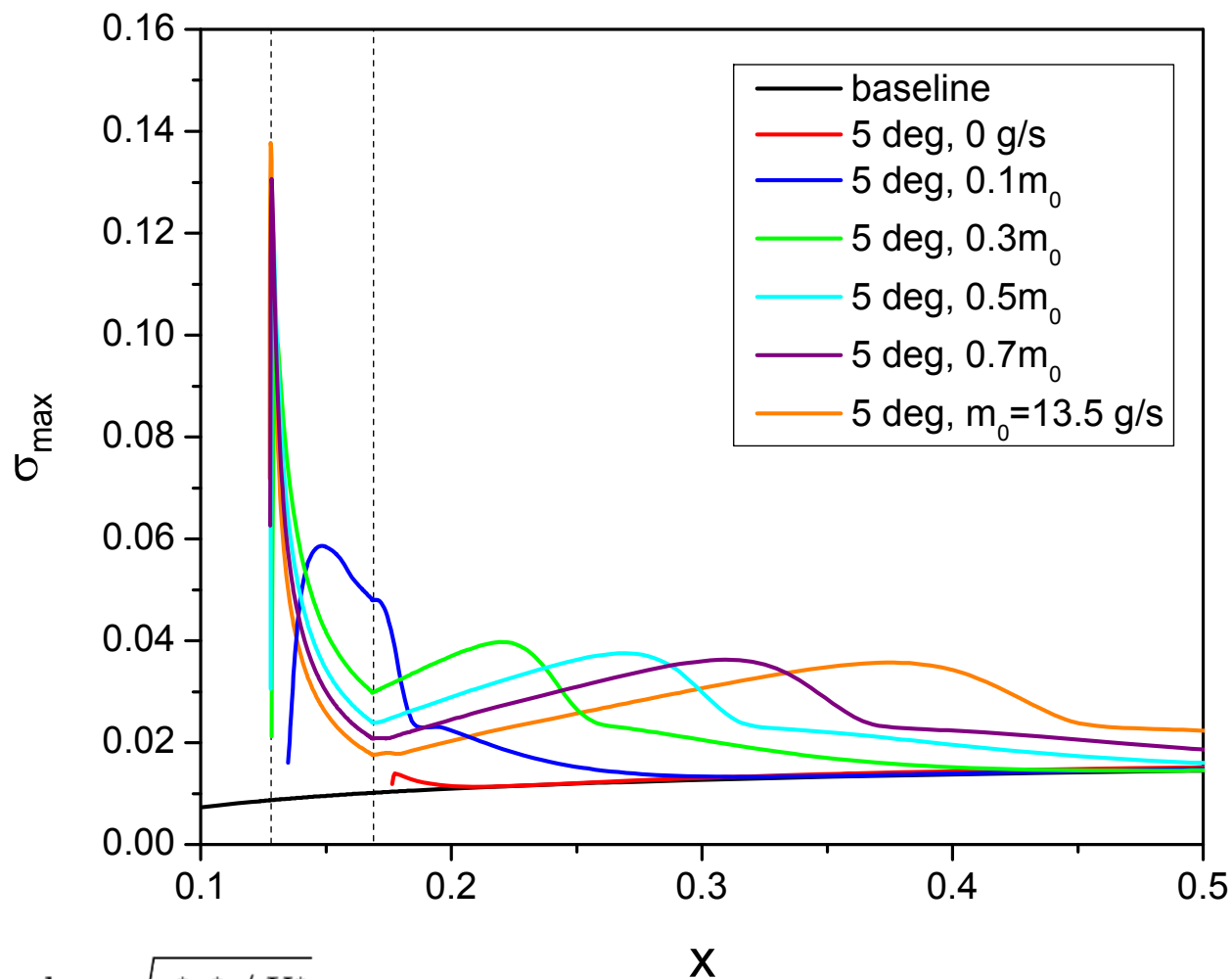
**Unstable region is**

- narrowed down for  $x < 0.6$
- widened for  $x > 0.6$



**Frequencies are decreased**

# Maximal growth rates for cylindrical injector (various injection rates)



$$\text{length-scale} = \sqrt{\nu_e^* x^* / U_e^*}$$